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UP Law teams win int'l debate tilt in Hong Kong

By Daisy C.L. Mandap
Contributor

HONG KONG—Two debating teams from the University of the Philippines College of Law won the top two prizes in the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot competition held in Hong Kong on March 11-12.

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PMA class 'goat' bottoms out

By Vincent Cabreza and Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

MUKHANG NASA TOP TEN AKO KASI ALPHA-BETICAL!

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Where's the goat?

The class "goat" of the Philippine Military Academy's graduating class was

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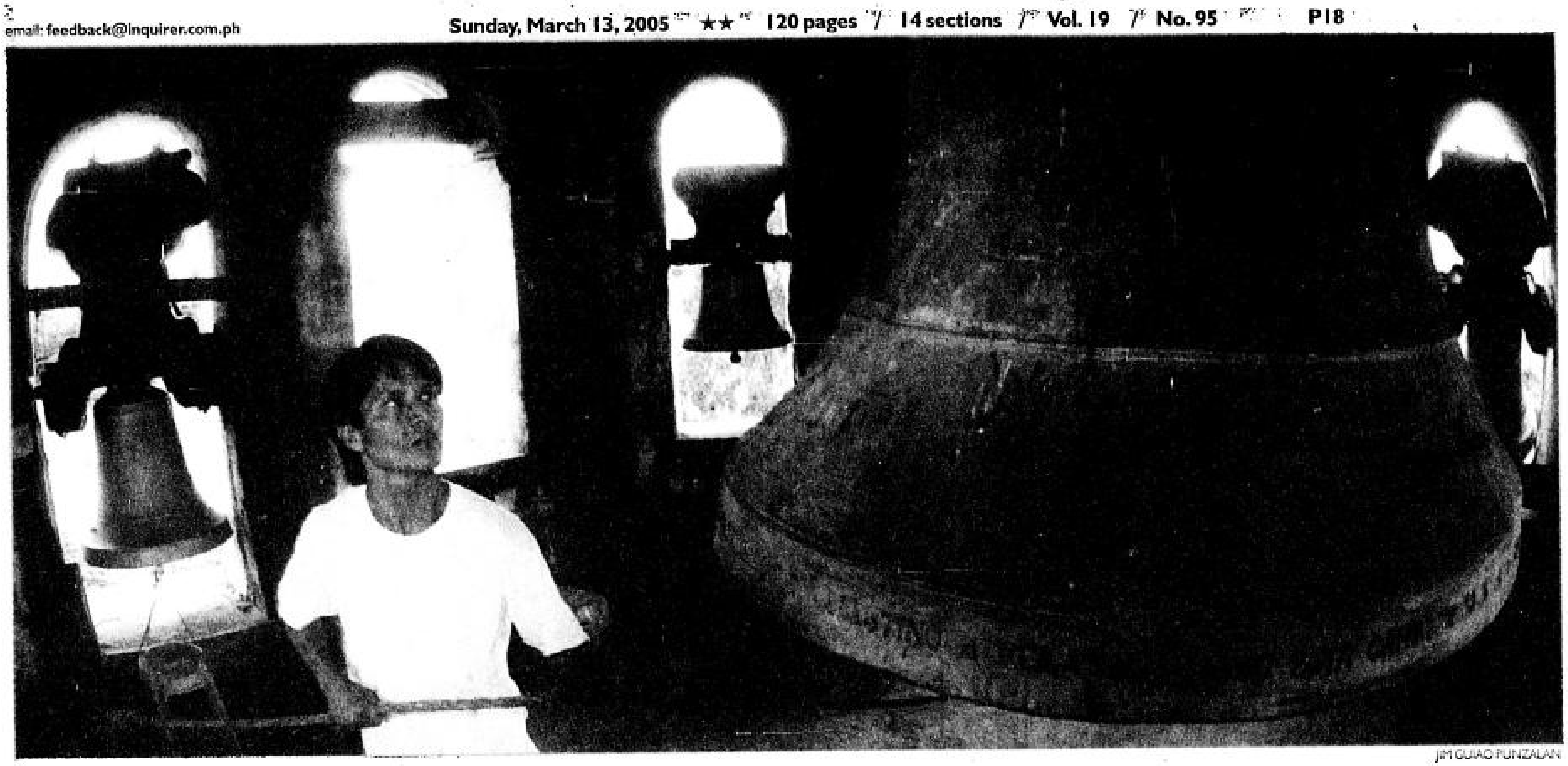

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

AND THE EARTH MOVED
Once submerged in 20 feet of lahar, the San Guillermo Parish Church in Bacolor, Pampanga, was unearthed in 2000 by the sheer force of the people's sense of history and religiosity. First constructed by the Augustinians in 1576—the town's founding year—destroyed by an earthquake in 1880, rebuilt in 1886 and buried in lahar by half of its 12-m height in 1995 after the explosion of Mt. Pinatubo, the church has again been resurrected and the bells of Bacolor continue to beckon the villagers to celebrate the faith of their forefathers.

Tarongoy wins reprieve

Iraqi abductors postpone execution

By Volt Contreras, *in Manila*
Tonette Orejas, *PDI Central Luzon Desk*
and Anthony S. Allada, *PDI Mindanao Bureau*

HE HAD been there before and if there was one man who knew the terror of waiting to be executed, it was Angelo de la Cruz.

On Friday night, just hours before the deadline set by the Iraqi captors of accountant Robert Tarongoy was to expire, De la Cruz was on the phone talking to Ivy, Tarongoy's wife, telling her to be strong, to keep on praying and to trust in God.

Before dawn yesterday, word came through from Iraq: The gunmen holding Tarongoy had indefinitely postponed his execution to give way to further negotiations.

Malacañang and the Department of Foreign Affairs heaved sighs of relief.

In Davao City, members of Tarongoy's family jumped for joy.

"*Sabi mi kaya, mangadi ya, sikanan na ing lub na para keng pamilya da* (We told Ivy to pray, to strengthen her will to see the family through the crisis)," said De la Cruz's wife, Zenaida, recounting the phone conversation between her husband and Tarongoy's anguished wife as the deadline set by the Iraqi gunmen neared.

Zenaida said she and Angelo repeatedly told Ivy "not to lose hope and to trust in God's help."

She said it was hope in God's intervention that helped the De la Cruz family during Angelo's own 17-day ordeal in the hands of Iraqi gunmen in July last year.

TARONGOY/ A21

4TH FROM THE TOP: 2nd Lt. Geraldine Abigail Hallar of Bacarra, Ilocos Sur, is the highest placed female cadet during graduation rites at the PMA, the country's premier military school. And so, a mother's pride and joy spill all over her daughter. *(Story on Page A2.)* AP

NBI: Pesticide mistaken for flour may have killed kids

By Tina G. Santos, *in Manila*
and Chito A. Fuentes
PDI Visayas Bureau

PESTICIDE mistaken for flour—and not cyanide or rat poison—may have killed the 27 schoolchildren of Bohol, National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco said yesterday.

Wycoco said an NBI forensic team had found a can of pesticide resembling a flour container in the house of a vendor suspected of selling the cassava delicacy the victims ate before they were stricken ill last March 9.

"Right now, we're ruling out Racumin [a brand of rat poison] and hydrocyanide poison as the likely cause of death because there was no internal bleeding," Wycoco told the INQUIRER.

"We're eyeing pesticide because the team we sent [to] Bohol found a can of pesticide which resembles that of the flour's at the house of the person who allegedly prepared the fried cassava."

Wycoco added: "But these findings have yet to undergo confirmatory tests. And we're still conducting further investigation to determine what substance really caused the victims' death."

Wycoco stressed that the vendors who had sold the fried cassava to the children would not be spared from criminal charges—assuming the cassava was the poison carrier—even if they had relatives who died in the tragedy.

Besides the 27 children aged 7 to 13 who died, more than 100 others fell ill, including one of the

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STOLEN shot of stolen moments at the Cafe Libreria, a bookstore-coffeeshop on Tomas Morato St., favored rendezvous of PNP Deputy Director Arturo Lomibao (left) and fiancee Patricia Cantero (standing). Chaperones (?) are Emma and Gabrielle, Patricia's mother and daughter, respectively.

Top cop in love in the time of terrorism and kidnappings

By Fe Zamora

CALL it a love story in the time of kidnappings and terrorism.

Patricia Ann Cantero was the speechwriter of former Philippine National Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., and had to get the information she needed from ranking PNP officials.

PNP Deputy Director General Arturo Lomibao was chief of the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (NKTAF) and, later, of the Directorate for Intelligence. Ebdane depended on him for data on police operations against kidnapping and terrorism that he wanted included in his speeches here and abroad.

Lomibao is one of the candidates to replace

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'To heal Earth, yourself, start with your cat'

By Volt Contreras

HEALING the earth—and yourself—can start with your dog or cat, according to this modern-day Aesop.

"The highest purpose of animals on this planet is to make us more human," said Dr. Michael W. Fox, a British veterinarian who recently visited Manila for a series of lectures on animal rights, pet care, and the return to a healthier, organic lifestyle.

Fox has written over 40 books on bioethics, or "reverence for all life," as he puts it. A deep subject, one might expect, particularly if heard from a retired surgeon and psychology professor and former officer of the Humane Society of the United States.

But that's hardly the case for the 15 million people in the United States alone who read his syndicated column, and who rely on him for simple tips on dog or cat care, among other insights that seek "to elevate the status of animals in society."

Fox has been a tireless critic of multinational firms that "contaminate" the ecosystem, especially of poor countries, with the introduction of genetically engineered crops and animal feeds.

He's against livestock farms that cram animals into cages and think nothing of employing hormone stimulants, antibiotics and cruel slaughtering methods just to meet quotas.

He sees something sinister be-

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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GMA to PMA grads: Be brave, honest

By Desiree Caluza, *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—President Macapagal-Arroyo asked the country's new crop of soldiers to be courageous and honest as they embark on their new task of fighting terrorism.

"I command the graduating students of Sanligan Class of 2005: Stay tough, shun a life of comfort and stand in harm's way if needed," the President said in her address yesterday to the 149 graduating students of the Philippine Military Academy.

Referring to the clashes in Sulu "where scores of soldiers have given their lives in the fight against terror," Ms Arroyo said it was "the soldier's job to keep it [the unrest in Sulu] isolated from the larger remainder of Mindanao that lives in relative peace."

The President said she recognized that the soldier "must be adequately equipped to fight and to win against this foe in whatever form it takes, for as long as it takes."

To this end, she said her "non-military" Secretary of Defense, Avelino Cruz Jr., was putting in place comprehensive and institutional reforms to bolster the capability of the military to "move, shoot, communicate and monitor the enemy."

She told the graduates that the Department of National Defense and the Armed Forces were preparing a "multi-grade capability upgrade plan" that would make their lives as soldiers "more efficient and also more life-saving."

The defense strategy was closely tied to the administration's medium-term development investment plan, and also closely integrated with its peace strategy, "including the conduct of peace diplomacy, and principled peace negotiations that strikes at the roots of armed conflict while boxing out terrorist cells."

Ms Arroyo assured the PMA graduates that the government was working to "strengthen the loyalty of individuals in the military" by implementing the recommendations of the Feliciano Commission to immediately address the basic needs of soldiers.

The commission, tasked to investigate the roots of unrest in the Armed Forces, was formed after a group of mutinous junior officers, all PMA graduates, attempted to grab power in July 2003.

Among the commission's recommendations were reforms in the retirement and insurance benefits program, procurement systems, and military finances and promotions.

The President exhorted the soldiers to "press for a new accountability" at a time when transparency in governance is being demanded.

"Be honest and call attention at once to breaches of the code of honor. The power of the people must be in a strong political will, backed by a solidarity of valor and honor," she said.

Cadet Brian Rayton, the class valedictorian, said the graduates should heed the President's call for honesty in the military.

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Too small, Abu says of AFP budget

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE P46-BILLION budget of the Armed Forces of the Philippines this year is just "too small" compared to its counterparts in other countries in Southeast Asia, AFP chief of staff Gen. Efren Abu said yesterday.

"The AFP budget is too small considering its responsibilities," Abu said at a forum hosted by the Foundation for Economic Freedom in Makati Friday.

Abu pointed out that the country's defense spending last year amounted to "only 1.4 percent" of the gross domestic product (GDP).

In contrast, he said, other countries in Southeast Asia spent an average 3.5 percent of their GDP on their military.

Abu, however, admitted that increasing the defense budget would be "very difficult, if not unlikely" in the light of the country's fiscal difficulties.

He said critics who complained that defense spending ate up funds that could be used for more productive purposes such as education, health and other basic services "ignore a fundamental axiom that security is a precondition for development." Military spending is not a "luxury," he said.

"Far from being a luxury, (an adequately equipped armed forces) is rather a crucial investment for national progress," Abu said.

The Department of National Defense regularly gets the second biggest budget, next to the Department of Education among all government agencies.

This year, of the total national budget of P907.6 billion, the DepEd got P102.6 billion, the DND P46 billion, and the Department of Interior and Local Government which oversees the Philippine National Police P43.7 billion.

To beef up his case for a higher military budget, Abu tried to show a direct correlation between the budget given to the military and the strength of the communist New People's Army.

He said NPA strength "reached its peak in 1985 as a consequence of a drop in defense expenditure" following heavy military spending during the '70s.

Abu said the increases in defense expenditures after 1985 "were paralleled by the steady decline of NPA strength during the same period until 1996."

Camacho joins investment bank

FORMER Finance Secretary Isidro "Lito" Camacho has joined Credit Suisse First Boston as the investment bank's vice chair for non-Japan Asia to be based in Singapore.

In a press statement, Paul Calello, CSFB chair and chief executive for the Asia-Pacific region, said he was pleased to welcome someone with Camacho's vast private and public sector experience to CSFB.

"Lito brings to CSFB a depth of knowledge and experience both from within government and investment banking," Calello said.

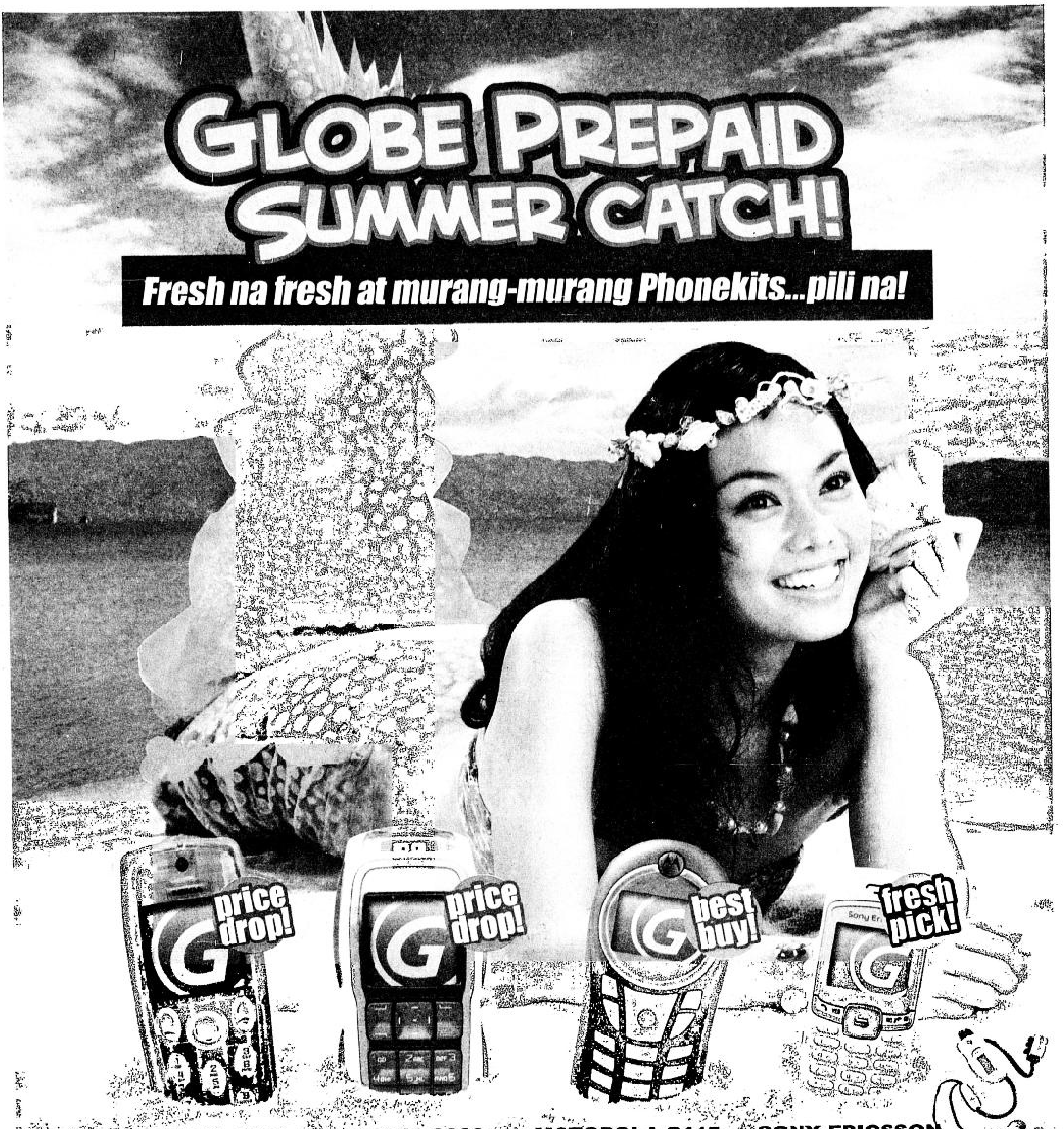
Before joining the government in 2001, Camacho held senior positions at Deutsche Bank and Bankers Trust Co. in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Singapore.

In the same press statement, Camacho, 48, said he was excited about his new role.

"As a former client of Credit Suisse First Boston, I have always been impressed with the firm's expertise and innovative approaches. The firm has demonstrated that it has a strong focus on this region, and that the most senior levels of management are firmly committed to building CSFB's franchise here," he said.

CSFB is a business unit of the Credit Suisse Group, the Zurich-based global financial services company.

As finance secretary, Camacho was the most senior economic adviser of President Macapagal-Arroyo, leading the country's economic team and supervising the fiscal and financial sectors.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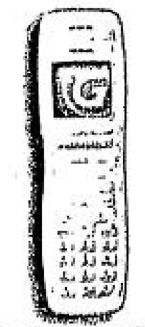

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hind food companies that encourage unhealthy diets and the medicine industry that profits when consumers fall ill.

Big joke

"Such a big joke. People have to wake up," he told the INQUIRER in an interview.

Fox, however, is not opposed to genetic engineering biotechnology.

"It has a role to play in developing new vaccines and diagnostic tests," he said. "But it should not be used in agriculture. It is not a way to feed the hungry world, but only a way for multinational corporations to control the global food supply."

If people have no choice but to kill animals for food, "there are still humane and ecological ways" to meet that need, he said. "Put animal manure back in the fields where they feed. Or let [livestock] clean up what's left of a harvest, roaming free rather than confined in factories."

"HIGHEST purpose of animals is to make us more human," so believes Michael W. Fox, a British veterinarian, who was in town recently to talk about pet care and his advocacies against GMOs. RUDY ESPERAS

Animals as healers

When not waging war against corporate devils, Fox has been simply helping others find pleasure and peace of mind in a silky coat of fur or a cold paw.

Science has long established that animals are "our healers, in a way" and are "not just pets or toys," Fox said.

"Research have shown that their brain structure and the neurochemicals produced in their brain are identical to ours," he said. "That's why when we pet a dog or a cat, our blood pressure falls and feel-good chemicals are released in our brain, and also in the animal."

Taken to a more metaphysical level, human and pet can soon develop a strong bond and create for themselves a realm of shared feelings that Fox referred to as "empatosphere (or atmosphere of empathy)."

"Veterinarians are often surprised to find that the disease they are treating in a cat or dog is also present in the owner," he said.

Sympathetic resonance

Fox calls it "sympathetic resonance between two connected beings."

"Because the animal shares the same intimate environment with you, often it will develop symptoms similar to what you have," he said, adding:

"When things are good in that empathosphere, we are all well. But if there is stress, there becomes 'dis-ease'—I avoid using the term 'disease'—and that's when various organs begin to break down, depending on your genetic background, your nutrition and all these other factors."

This may also explain why dogs are known to howl almost at the same moment that their master dies, he said, noting that he had heard many such cases from his readers.

Other studies done in Germany found that old people who keep pets get sick less often, Fox said.

"Having a dog or cat makes them healthier," he said, and proceeded to point out that condominium and apartment managers should be "more open to people with companion animals because of the public health issue involved."

Interests and rights

Thus, whether kept as pets, used at work, or raised as livestock, animals have their own "interests and rights" that their human caregivers must recognize, Fox said.

Like humans, their needs go beyond basic shelter and food, he said. Pets, most especially, have emotions: They need to socialize both with people and other animals; they like to play, being stroked and spoken to, or given places to hide, if needed.

According to Fox, even well-meaning humans commit animal cruelty without knowing it, largely when they fail to recognize their pet's feelings.

They assume, for instance, that dogs are just fine tied in the backyard, sleeping on dirty surfaces near the spots where they urinate or defecate, and hardly encountering people or other dogs.

"Animals are here to make us more caring, more compassionate, and we owe them a lot," Fox said. "The time has come now to settle our debt with nature because we have just about destroyed the planet. And we can start by repairing our relationship with all animals. We have to start making amends."

Fox was in Manila last March 2-4 as a guest of the Mother Earth Philippines environmental movement. He keeps a website: www.doctormwfox.org.)

Tips for people who keep pets: They love a massage

By Volt Contreras

BIOETHICIST Michael W. Fox shares with the INQUIRER some tips for people who keep pets, whether as household members or for training or breeding:

If you have to leave a dog alone in the house, consider getting a second dog for company and prevent "separation anxiety."

It's fine to feed your animals twice a day—morning and evening. Cats can manage with a little water in their meals, but avoid giving them dry food. Moist or soaked food is best.

Pets love a massage. Start with their nape and work your way down the back in a kneading motion. They will tell you, by becoming tense, if you're applying too much pressure. They like it when their ears, which have acupuncture points like those in humans, are gently fondled.

Don't ever—and teach this to children, especially—pick up pets by their ears or tails. "You deserve to be bitten if you do."

If you have to give away newborn litter, puppies have to be weaned from their mother by slowly introducing them to mushy food starting on their fourth week. They can be ready to move to another home on their sixth or eighth week.

Kittens have to be weaned at a later age, and may be ready when they're 10 to 12 weeks old.

A reminder for K-9 handlers in the military and the police: "Motivation and reward are important parts of their training. Why not let the dogs practice by putting a bomb in a car and let them occasionally find something? Otherwise, they'll go slack."

How to tell if pets want to play?

Dogs stretch and put their front paws forward—a position called a "play bow." They make eye contact, pant and "smile" to convey their excitement.

As for cats, they will look at you and flop over on their side—a signal that "I'm relaxed."

Puppies like tug of war. Have them bite on a soft rope or towel. Kittens love to chase playthings that are dangled before them.

And if your dogs are the type that get scared of firecracker explosions and curl up in fear inside the house, say, every New Year's Eve, you can help them cope—ironically—by turning up the volume of the TV or stereo.

The loud sound coming from the speakers will actually serve as a "barrier" against the explosions outdoors.

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More women graduating from college, says CHEd

By Alcuin Papa

MORE women than men are expected to graduate from college in March and April, according to projections of the Commission on Higher Education (CHEd).

Six of every 10 graduates this school year are women, said Jean Tayag, director of CHEd's Office of Policy, Planning, Research and Information.

According to CHEd figures, a total of 262,116 women will graduate this year, making up some 60 percent of the graduating class of 2005.

Male graduates number about 174,778, or 40 percent of the total.

CHEd does not have the figures to indicate which fields the female graduates would be going into.

But Charlie Calimlim of the CHEd's Management Information System office said that based on the figures from school year 2002-03, most women from the private and public universities favored elementary education.

The other popular courses are commerce, accounting, computer science, secondary education and nursing.

Calimlim said he did not expect the figures from the 2002-03 school year to change this year.

A total of 436,994 graduates are expected to receive their diplomas this year. This number includes those who graduated last October and those graduating from summer classes this year, Tayag said.

Most of the graduates, or a total of 123,584, come from business and related courses, like accountancy and commerce. Last year, business and its related courses also had the most number of graduates.

Other graduates come from education and teacher-training disciplines (88,062), engineering and technology programs (56,851), computer science and mathematics (43,141) and medicine and nursing (30,166).

CHEd chair Fr. Rolando de la Rosa attributed the large numbers of commerce and accounting graduates to the equally large number of schools offering these courses.

But he noted that most of these popular courses with the most number of enrollees like commerce and education were "overloaded" as evidenced by the low passing rate of students of these schools in the professional qualifying examinations.

De la Rosa cited a recent study by the Professional Regulatory Commission from 1999 to 2003 that revealed that only 36 percent of graduates who took board examinations actually passed.

The same study revealed only 23 percent pass the board exams for teachers and 18 percent for accounting.

De la Rosa advised college students to shift to courses like agriculture, forestry and fisheries whose graduates are urgently needed by the country.

UP Law teams win int'l . . .

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The two teams bested all other competitors representing 11 countries in East and Southeast Asia.

First prize was won by two students who represented the applicant in a mock international human rights case.

The lead debater was Dr. Celia Torres-Villanueva, a UP professor who holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology, and is on her fourth year in the evening section of the College of Law. She was joined by William Varias, who is also on his fourth year in the evening class.

The two won a trophy and an all-expenses paid trip to Geneva, where they will visit the headquarters of the International Red Cross, courtesy of the Swiss Consulate General in Hong Kong.

In second place was the team that appeared as counsel for the respondent. Team member Mark Pepito Rabe, who at 24 is the youngest in the group, was also adjudged "best mooter" or best debater in the competition. He is on his third year at the College of Law.

Rabe was joined by Marlon Marquez, the only member of the team about to complete his law course.

Ateneo de Manila

Aside from UP, Ateneo de Manila University also represented the Philippines. UP College of Law dean Raul Pangalangan said it was "a victory well deserved by the students and their coach."

He said the competition reflects the superior quality of legal education in the Philippines and is a good way "to spread the gospel of international humanitarian law in Asia."

Acting as judges in the final round were some of Hong Kong's legal luminaries: Patrick Chan, permanent judge of the Court of Final Appeal; Thomas Gall, High Court judge, and Anthony Francis Neoh, senior counsel.

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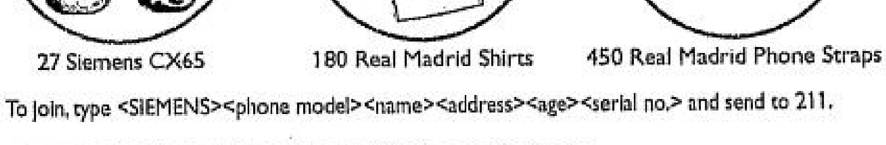

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GMA rejects Palace franchise on VAT

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has rejected proposals for Malacañang to be given a franchise to raise the value-added tax from 10 percent to 12 percent, saying she wants Congress to legislate the VAT increase.

During a board meeting of the National Economic and Development Authority last week, the President said she wanted the VAT to be firm, full and uniform and this could only be achieved through legislation.

The granting of a franchise to Malacañang to raise the VAT was earlier proposed by Sen. Mar Roxas if the two chambers could not come to terms in the bicameral conference.

Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have different versions of the VAT bill.

While the House wants to raise the VAT to 12 percent, the Senate wants to maintain the VAT at its present rate of 10 percent but would lift the VAT exemptions enjoyed by certain industries.

Roxas suggested the VAT franchise because of fears that the VAT rate hike would not prosper in the bicameral conference.

Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, an economic adviser of the President, said Ms Arroyo wanted the VAT rate hike legislated because "she wanted it to be binding on the next President to assure foreign creditors that they would be fully paid."

Most of the government's loans have payment terms of up to 25 years, or more than four times the 6-year term of a President.

Despite fears of a watered-down VAT reform bill from Congress, Malacañang remained confident the new VAT law would be passed before Congress goes on a Lenten break on March 18.

"Whatever the final approved version will be, we can only hope that it is a VAT that will raise the revenue that we need, that it will be simple to implement and that it would provide enough safety nets for the poor," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye in his weekly "View from the Palace" commentary.

Bunye also allayed fears that the VAT rate hike would increase the prices of goods and services.

The sharp appreciation of the peso on the back of fiscal reforms is expected to more than offset the inflationary impact of the VAT rate hike, he said.

Salceda said the local currency would appreciate by at least seven percent or near close to 50 to the dollar with the approval of the VAT rate hike and this would fully erase its impact on prices.

"I really think the peso would go to 47.50 if we do the rate hike," Salceda said.

On Friday, the peso rose to 54.12 from 54.25 against the dollar Thursday.

Salceda, however, warned that failure to approve the VAT rate hike could easily push the peso lower than its previous bottom of 56.50 due to investor frustration.

Earlier, American emerging markets specialist Condor Advisers Inc. warned that the impending VAT rate hike could spark a social revolt and push the country to an Argentina-style crisis.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, however, brushed aside Condor's warning.

"The matter of whether there could be a social revolt is something that we think is far-fetched. In my opinion, I think the public understands it," Ermita said.

Widen diesel discount coverage, oil firms urged

By Abigail L. Ho

TO HELP cushion the impact of the unabated rise in fuel pump prices on public transportation, the energy department has appealed to the domestic oil companies to expand the coverage of the diesel discounts they give to jeepneys and buses to the entire country.

About 250 service stations of different oil companies currently give diesel discounts of P1 per liter to the public transport sector.

Energy Secretary Vincent Perez said the oil firms should provide diesel discounts to public utility vehicles at more service stations nationwide.

"President Macapagal-Arroyo gave me specific instructions to try and persuade the oil companies to expand the coverage of their discounts. We hope that they'll respond favorably," Perez said in an interview.

But while expanding the coverage of diesel discounts would be welcome, public transport operators said this did not go far enough.

They urged the government to impose a system of socialized pricing of petroleum products, with the private sector absorbing the bulk of the increase in fuel pump prices.

To prevent an increase in transport fares, the oil companies themselves and private motorists should subsidize the fuel expenses of the public transport sector, said Efren de Luna, president of the Philippine Confederation of Drivers Organizations-Alliance of Concerned Transport Operators (PCDO-Acto).

De Luna said that with the price of diesel—the fuel of choice for most public utility vehicles—now at P25 per liter, the public transport sector was operating on very slim or no margins at all.

Apart from maintenance and spare parts, the day-to-day expenses for fuel constitute the bulk of the costs of public transport operators, he said.

Boy Vargas, president of the Alliance of Transport Operators and Drivers Associations of the Philippines (Altodap), said jeepney drivers hardly earned anything these days because of the steep cost of diesel.

The president of the Integrated Metro Bus Operators Association (Imboa) Claire de la Fuente said private motorists could very well afford to absorb the frequent increases in fuel prices that oil companies had been implementing in recent months.

Court lets tax scam suspect fly

THE SANDIGANBAYAN has given tax credit scam suspect Faustino Chingkoe the go-signal to travel abroad despite his being a high flight risk because of the four different passports in his possession, state prosecutors said Friday.

Chingkoe, head of the Chingkoe group of companies who is facing 83 graft cases, earlier asked the Sandiganbayan's Fourth Division to be allowed to travel to Hong Kong and Canada from March 12 to April 11.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio said the Fourth Division in a resolution dated March 9 gave Chingkoe permission to travel, specifically to Hong Kong, the United States and Canada from March 16 up to April 16 despite the government prosecutors' opposition.

Villa-Ignacio said the antigraft court merely required Chingkoe to strictly adhere to his declared itinerary, to post a P2.5-million travel bond and to report to the Fourth Division within five days after returning to the country.

Villa-Ignacio said the government had already established that Chingkoe holds Philippine, Canadian, Korean and Fijian passports. He said the bond posted by Chingkoe was not a guarantee that he would return.

Nelson F. Flores

Retiring general lets PNP brass have it with both barrels

By Luige A. del Puerto

AN ORGANIZATION of spoiled brats.

This was how Police Director Lucas Managuelod described the Philippine National Police—a situation he said that was born of blatant partisanship.

"To the victor belongs the spoils. That is the promise of politics. When such a promise is made to police officers, the PNP is left with spoiled brats," Managuelod said in his speech to his colleagues titled, "Saying One's-Mind," during rites marking his retirement Friday.

"There is no professionalism where the institution becomes involved in politics. When generals are unable to remain neutral during an election, they cease to be professional," he said.

"I have no intention of assigning blame to anyone. I have only one intention. It is to see a rectification; it is to finally see (a) PNP (that is) not involved in politics," he said.

At least one other senior official echoed similar sentiments—that politics contributed much to the police's organizational woes.

Managuelod, a lawyer, was apparently bitter after being placed on floating status for more than two years because of his perceived close ties to opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

Managuelod admitted that he voted for Lacson, but said he maintained his professionalism and never joined in any of Lacson's political activities.

"I hope you are listening," he told fellow police officials.

"The PNP needs professional generals, not general politicians."

Another police general disclosed that a study funded by an international organization found politics to be one of the main reasons for the PNP's woes.

"One of the findings of the study was that the PNP cannot become professionalized because of politics," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A junior officer, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said the police were not to blame for the state of affairs in the PNP.

"How can you avoid becoming politicized when the person who approves your assignment is a politician? That is what the law says," he said.

"You must have been wondering how I ended up completing the last two years of my police service in the floating armada. I will tell you now. The truth should make us free," Managuelod told his colleagues.

"Some people thought I was visiting Senator Lacson [too often]. That is not true. I saw him only once—during a committee hearing on *jueteng*. But assuming *arguendo* that I was (seeing him), there was no need to float me. Is there anything wrong with a senator meeting with a police general?" he said.

An official on "floating status" has no position in the PNP.

By placing him and about 10 other police generals on this status, the government was cheating itself, Managuelod said.

"We are getting paid for doing nothing," he told reporters after the ceremony.

Managuelod rose through the ranks and held various positions before becoming chief of Police Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management.

That was two years ago. Since then, he had not held a post in the PNP.

A junior police official in Metro Manila agreed with Managuelod, saying such was the reality in the police force.

"His gripes are legitimate," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But that's the reality in the PNP. Once you reach the rank of senior superintendent, everything becomes political."

Reached for comment, outgoing PNP Director General Edgar Aglipay said everyone was free to say what was on his mind.

"But I would like to tell you that we have the senior officers promotion and placement board. We have organizations in the PNP that are doing their jobs (on questions of promotions and assignments)," he said.

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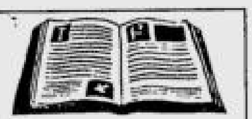

Sunday, March 13, 2005
5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

God is the life of his people

This is what Yahweh says, "I am going to open your tombs, I shall bring you out of your tombs, my people, and lead you back to the land of Israel. You will know that I am Yahweh, O my people! when I open your graves and bring you out of your graves, when I put my spirit in you and you live. I shall settle you in your land and you will know that I, Yahweh, have done what I said I would do."

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:8-11**

The Holy Spirit gives us God's life

Brothers and sisters, those walking according to the flesh cannot please God.

Yet your existence is not in the flesh, but in the spirit, because the Spirit of God is within you. If you did not have the Spirit of Christ, you would not belong to him. But Christ is within you; though the body is branded by death as a consequence of sin, the spirit is life and holiness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is within you, He who raised Jesus Christ from among the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies. Yes, he will do it through his Spirit who dwells within you.

Gospel:

John 11:1-45 or 3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Lazarus, come out

There was a sick man named Lazarus who was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was the same Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was sick.

So the sisters sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." On hearing this Jesus said, "This illness will not end in death; rather it is for God's glory and the Son of God will be glorified through it."

It is a fact that Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus; yet, after he heard of the illness of Lazarus, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Only then did he say to his disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." They replied, "Master, recently the Jews wanted to stone you. Are you going there again?"

Jesus said to them, "Are not twelve working hours needed to complete a day? Those who walk in the daytime shall not stumble, for they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, for there is no light in them."

After that Jesus said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going to wake him." The disciples replied, "Lord, a sick person who sleeps will recover." But Jesus had referred to Lazarus' death, while they thought that he had meant the repose of sleep. So Jesus said plainly, "Lazarus is dead and for your sake I am glad I was not there, for now you may believe. But let us go there, where he is." Then Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go that we may die with him."

When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. As Bethany is near Jerusalem, about two miles away, many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to offer consolation at their brother's death.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him while Mary remained sitting in the house. And she said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection, at the last day." But Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection; whoever believes in me, though he die, shall live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Martha then answered, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."

After that Martha went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The Master is here and is calling for you." As soon as Mary heard this, she rose and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her, also came. When they saw her get up and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep.

As for Mary, when she came to the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews also who had come with her, he was moved in the depths of his spirit and troubled. Then he asked, "Where have you laid him?" They answered, "Lord, come and see." And Jesus wept.

The Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "If he could open the eyes of the blind man, could he not have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus was deeply moved again and drew near to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across it. Jesus ordered, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him, "Lord, by now he will smell, for this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they removed the stone.

Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for you have heard me. I knew that you hear me always; but my prayer was for the sake of these people, that they may believe that you sent me" When Jesus had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips and his face wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Many of the Jews who had come with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw what he did.

Commentary

The raising of beloved Lazarus from the dead so that his dying and rising can strengthen the faith of the disciples. Jesus returns to where they want to kill him and brings life—life that is different than just being brought back out of a tomb—life that is everlasting—Resurrection Life. This is the consummation of John's gospel—Jesus' statement: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in me, though he die, shall live. Whoever is alive by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" This is what every catechumen, each person approaching the waters of baptism, to be buried with Christ is asked. Do we believe? Do we stake our lives on Jesus' life, death and resurrection—standing down all that is of death, evil, sin, injustice and hate knowing that even if we die, our God will give us life? Lord, we are so close to walking towards the cross and death with you—help us to stake our lives on your life, your Word and your love of the Father. Call us by name and bring us out of death.

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It's summer: Watch out for skin diseases

By Christian V. Esguerra

HAVE you been feeling itchy lately?

Chances are it's because of the searing heat and the host of "skin conditions" that summer usually brings, a Department of Health official said last week.

There's prickly heat, boils and intertrigo—conditions—which if not properly dealt with could cause a person to scratch their vacation away, said Dr. Luningning Elio-Villa, medical specialist of the DOH National Center for Disease Prevention and Control.

"They are expected to occur beginning March as summer arrives," Villa told the INQUIRER in an interview.

Painful and very itchy, prickly heat occurs in hot, humid environments. It is caused by the blocking of the flow of sweat from the sweat glands to the skin surface.

Boils or skin abscess is defined as a localized infection deep in the skin, usually starting out as a reddened tender area. It is caused by a bacteria called staphylococcus.

Intertrigo is locally known as "hadhad," an inflammation in body folds, usually the inner thighs, armpits and underside of the breasts or belly.

All these can actually be prevented by proper hygiene, according to Villa, the DOH center's project manager for emerging and re-emerging infections.

"You have to keep yourself clean, you have to take a bath regularly," she said. "It's all about personal hygiene."

Even the common sore eyes can be controlled if the public was made conscious of how it spreads, she said.

"Usually whenever friends go out swimming, they share towels and sunglasses, unmindful that doing so could spread the infection," she said. "It's really human practice that spreads it."

Summer diseases, however, are not exclusively skin-related.

Villa said diarrheal diseases commonly associated with the rainy days could also attack during the dry season largely because of improper handling of food and water.

Packed food being taken on picnics on vacation can get contaminated by flies and bacteria, she said.

Water poses a problem usually because of the bad practice of mixing ice with beverages, she said.

Nippon, Ateneo name 6 fellows

THE NIPPON Foundation and the School of Social Sciences of the Ateneo de Manila University have chosen six recipients of the Asian Public Intellectuals (API) Fellowships for 2005-2006.

The senior fellows are Lt. Col. Michael C. Morales, director, Center for Academic Excellence, Philippine Military Academy; Jesus M. Santiago, freelance writer, editor and translator; and Fe A. De los Reyes, executive director, HELP Learning Center Foundation Inc.

The API (junior) fellows are Arturo Aristotle C. Solito Jr., indigenous independent filmmaker; Joseph T. Salazar, Ateneo instructor, and Theresita V. Atienza, director, Open University, Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

The fellowships will be awarded on March 14 at 5 p.m. at the SDC Conference Hall of the Ateneo's Social Development Complex in Quezon City.

The API fellowships enable public intellectuals in Asia to pursue intellectual, cultural and professional projects in another Asian country.

Morales, who has a Ph.D. in software engineering/defense simulation from the Cranfield University at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, UK, will do a comparative study of the training in the military academies of Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Santiago will examine the role of music in developmental education and people's advocacy. De los Reyes will study programs and services for youths with disabilities across cultural and economic differences.

Solito, who has been documenting for 10 years the ancient ways of the Palawon tribe of South Palawan, will do a comparative video documentary research of the island rituals of Borneo, Okinawa and Palawan.

Salazar, who is into film and film studies, will examine how cinema influences the way the public uses and makes sense of urban spaces in Southeast Asia. Atienza will research on open and distance learning in Thailand and apply lessons in the Philippines.

J. R. Carbonell; 70

ARCHITECT Joel Ralph Bantegui Carbonell died on March 5 in Riverside, California, at the age of 70.

After graduating from the University of Santo Tomas College of Architecture with honors in 1960, he immigrated to the United States in 1966, where he designed governmental, institutional, industrial, commercial and residential buildings across the country.

He is survived by his wife Lucita Roxas Carbonell; children Arabella, Constance, Margaret and Ralph; grandchildren Sandra Lucille, Britanny Joelle, Maxim Joel and Brooke Karielle, and siblings Renaldo, Adele, Carlos, Maria Regina and Napoleon Jr.

Services were held at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church in Riverside on March 11.

'Vigilance keeping AIDS numbers down'

By Jerome Aning

ORIENTATION and mandatory testing have relatively protected overseas Filipino workers from HIV/AIDS, Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said yesterday.

The United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS reported last month that 726, or 33 percent, of the 2,200 Filipinos known to be infected with the sexually transmitted disease as of December 2004 were OFWs who had returned to the country.

But Sto. Tomas said the low prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the Philippines was "no reason for us be lulled into a false sense of complacency."

"Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom from the problems that can be brought about by AIDS," she said.

STO. TOMAS

Sto. Tomas spoke at a forum on AIDS sponsored by the UN, the Asian Development Bank and the Swedish Embassy last week. She witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding that would help the Philippine government fight AIDS.

Sto. Tomas said the joint response must take into account the human factors that must be surmounted in order to beat AIDS, like indifference, social prejudice and irresponsibility.

Focal point

She said the Department of Labor and Employment was part of the Philippine National AIDS Council and was involved in "seeing to it that the threat of AIDS does not proliferate.."

She said another DOLE attached agency—the Occupational Safety and Health Center—was the focal point for active corporate involvement in the workplace-based HIV/AIDS program.

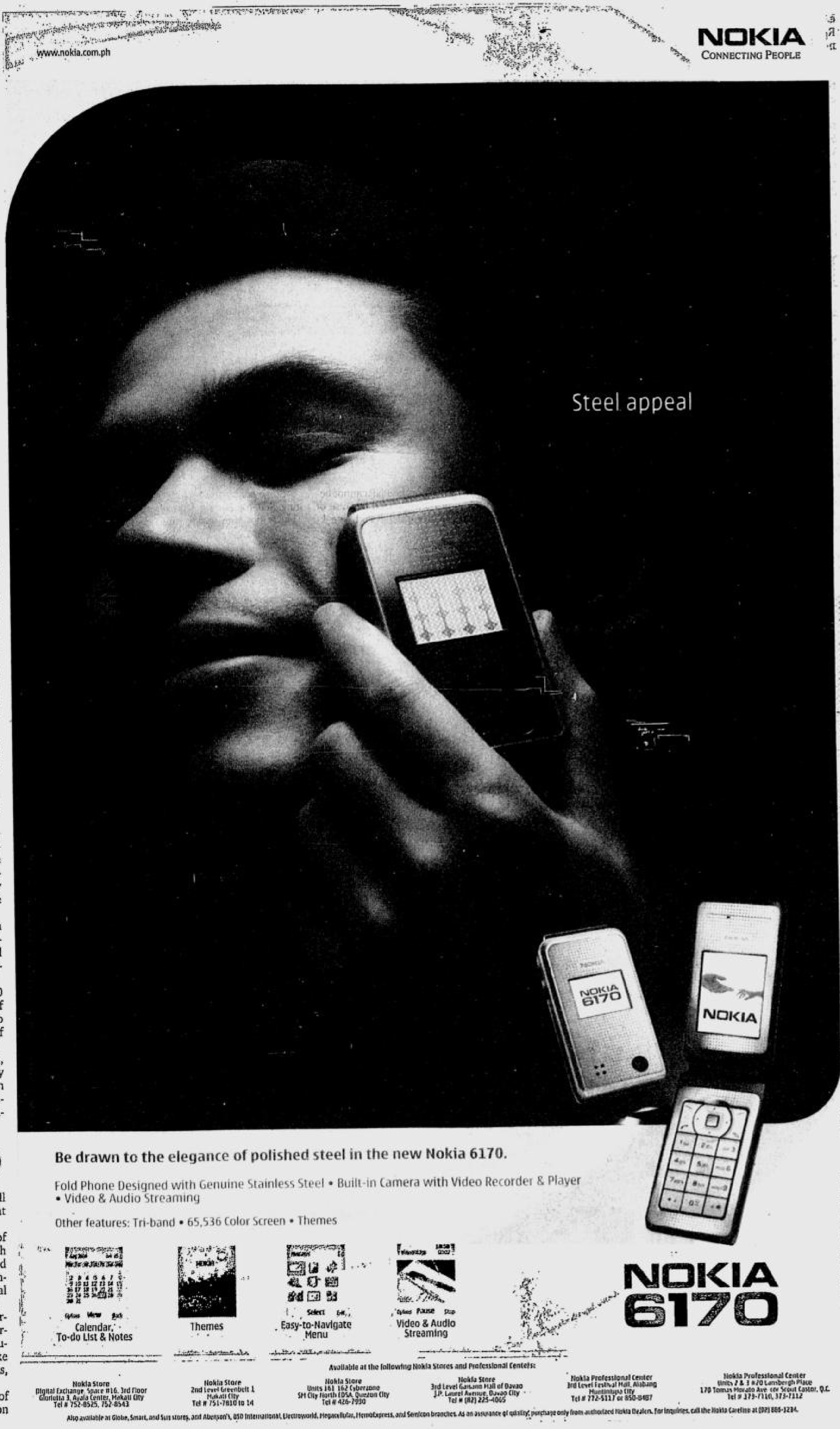
DOLE also has a labor education program led by its Bureau of Labor Relations that incorporates HIV/AIDS. This is promoted via the Tripartite Industrial Peace Councils.

The other anti-AIDS efforts of DOLE include the standardized HIV/AIDS module in pre-departure orientation seminars being conducted for OFWs by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration.

Program for seamen

Sto. Tomas said the department also developed for maritime training institutions a training curriculum for seafarers that integrates the AIDS prevention program.

It also collaborated with the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines for the inclusion of HIV/AIDS education in collective bargaining agreements with management and with the Philippine Business for Social Progress in helping firms develop corporate policies on AIDS.



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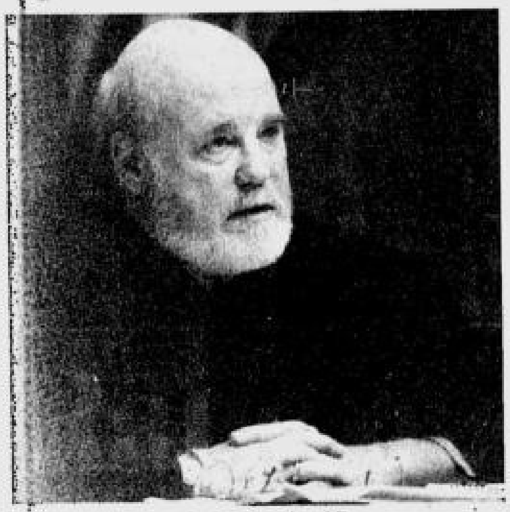
Rape defendant in US court kills judge, 2 others

ATLANTA, Georgia—A massive manhunt was underway in the southeastern United States early Saturday after a man on trial for rape grabbed a deputy's gun and shot dead a judge and two other officials in an Atlanta courthouse, before seizing a car and fleeing, police said.

Authorities posted a $60,000-reward for information leading to the capture of the suspect after the last vehicle he was thought to have stolen was found late Friday in the same garage where it had been carjacked.

"We do not know what type of vehicle he is in. We don't know where he's at," Vernon Keenan, director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, told reporters.



SUPERIOR Court Judge Rowland Barnes AP

Police fear the suspect may have taken a driver hostage, he said.

"There's no question this will go down in history as one of the most extensive fugitive hunts in Georgia," Keenan said.

Schools and several buildings in downtown Atlanta were shut after the shootings early Friday, which also left a deputy critically wounded.

The suspect, 1.86-meter, 95-kilo Brian Nichols, 33, allegedly wrested a gun from a sheriff's deputy, and fatally shot Fulton County Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes, a court recorder and a deputy, police said.

"The suspect was on his way to the courtroom. He overwhelmed a deputy sheriff... and it appears he took possession of her handgun," said Alan Dreher, deputy chief of Atlanta police.

"The suspect made his way into the courtroom and held the persons inside at bay with the handgun. He then shot and killed the judge, shot and killed the court stenographer and made his escape from the court," Dreher told journalists.

He said the suspect then fatally wounded a deputy as he fled the building.

Another deputy, apparently the one who escorted Nichols from the court's detention center to the eighth floor courtroom, was in a critical condition with a gunshot wound but was expected to survive.

The suspected gunman pistol-whipped and injured a reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution before stealing his car and driving off.

"Our officers are out patrolling every square mile of the city of Atlanta and also Fulton County," Atlanta Police Chief Richard Pennington told reporters late Friday. *AFP*

AFGHAN girl Shakila (14) is pictured during a United Nations ceremony at Ayesha Durani High School in Kabul, March 12. The United Nations Children Fund has launched a campaign urging Afghans to send their female children to school. During the ultra-conservative Taliban's 1996-2001 rule, women were barred from attending school and working outside their homes. AFP

Warlord rapes unchecked in Afghanistan

KABUL—A human rights group Saturday urged Afghanistan to tackle the rampant abuse of power by warlords and militias who are allegedly involved in the widespread rape of women and children.

US-based Human Rights Watch said the Afghan government, the United Nations and Nato member states had not done enough to check the power of local strongmen who hold sway outside the capital Kabul.

"Warlords and their troops in many areas have been implicated in widespread rape of women and children, murder, illegal detention, forced displacement, human trafficking and forced marriage," the rights group said ahead of a meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva next week.

"Local military and police forces, even in Kabul, have been involved in arbitrary arrests, kidnapping, extortion, torture, and extrajudicial killings of criminal suspects," it added.

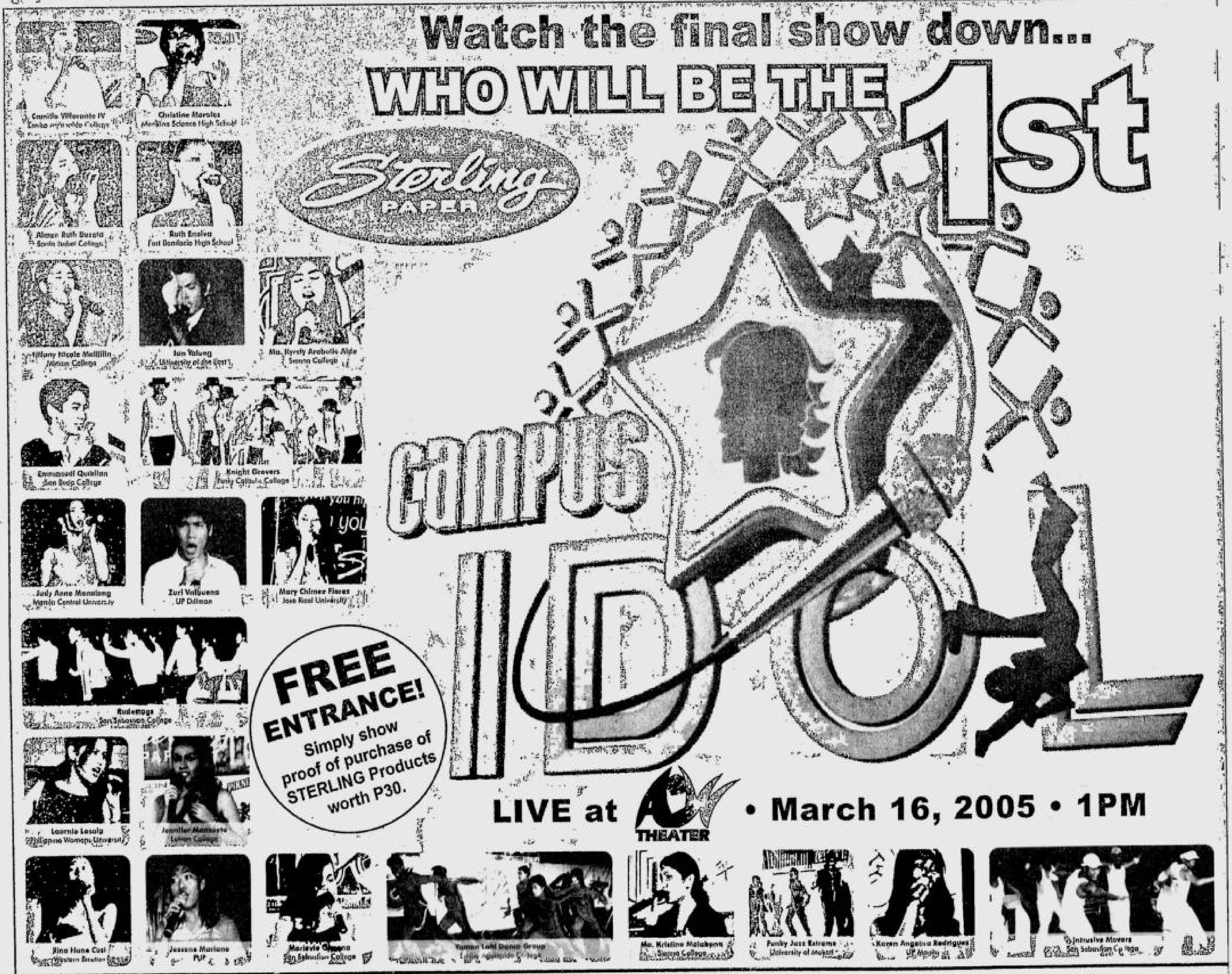
Key to tackling the problem and bringing abusers to book is disarming illegal militias and establishing a functioning judiciary and police force, the group said.

"Warlords and armed factions, including remaining Taliban forces, dominate most of the country and routinely abuse human rights, particularly the rights of women and girls," it added.

The New York-based group said that the "international community has failed to contribute sufficient troops or resources to adequately address the situation, and basic human rights conditions remain poor in many parts of the country, especially outside of Kabul," it added.

Steps had been taken to tackle the power of warlords by removing Ismael Khan as governor of Herat and by dismissing powerful former defense minister Marshal Mohammed Qasim Fahim, but more needed to be done, Human Rights Watch said.

Women had also made progress with widespread participation in the country's first presidential election in October but the country was still threatened by the power of drug kingpins. *AFP*



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Pope now able to speak

ROME—Vatican television on Friday showed footage of Pope John Paul II speaking at a Mass, the first such images since he underwent throat surgery at Rome's Gemelli hospital more than two weeks ago.

The Pope was shown sitting in an armchair before an altar and wearing a purple vestment, typical of the Lenten season, during a mass held in the small chapel of the papal hospital suite.

POPE John Paul II chats with a Tanzanian Cardinal after celebrating Mass in his suite at Gemelli hospital in Rome March 11. REUTERS

At the end of the Mass visiting Cardinal Polycarp Pengo, archbishop of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, said, "Holy Father, all of Tanzania is praying for you," to which the Pope replied briefly in Italian: "Va bene, va bene" (good, good).

The 84-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church looked very tired and weak in the footage.

His personal secretary, Polish-born Stanislao Dziwicz, celebrated the Mass.

The Pope, who has Parkinson's disease, has not spoken in public since undergoing a tracheotomy within hours of being rushed to hospital on Feb. 24 with respiratory problems.

He now breathes through a tube inserted into his throat and is doing breathing and speech exercises.

The Vatican said Thursday that John Paul II would remain in hospital for a few more days to complete his convalescence, which was proceeding normally, and would be back at his apartment by March 20 in time for Easter celebrations.

Before that, Vatican spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the Pope would make another appearance at his hospital window for the Angelus prayer on Sunday but added that he did not know if John Paul II would speak next Sunday.

"Sometimes I'm the first to be surprised, like yesterday when I left the hospital I was asked if he would appear at his window. I said no because nothing was scheduled. Then, after the Holy Father celebrated Mass he appeared at the window. That was why he was wearing his purple vestments," the spokesperson added.

Navarro-Valls said the Pope "continues to receive his collaborators, and is following the activities of the Vatican. He wants to return to the Vatican as soon as possible." *AFP*

Vietnam nurse contracts bird flu

HANOI—Vietnamese health officials said Saturday they suspect a second nurse who cared for a bird flu patient has contracted the disease that's killed 46 people across the region.

Dao Trong Bich, deputy director of the medical center in Thai Thuy District in northern Thai Binh province said the 41-year-old woman had cared for a 21-year-old man who tested positive for the H5N1 virus and remains in critical condition.

The nurse was admitted to Hanoi's Bach Mai Hospital Thursday with a high fever, coughing and a lung infection—typical bird flu symptoms, a doctor there said on condition of anonymity. Test results to confirm if she has bird flu are expected next week, the doctor said.

The doctor refused to speculate on how the nurse may have contracted the suspected case of bird flu.

Earlier this week, Vietnam reported that a 26-year-old male nurse who cared for the same patient had contracted the virus and is in stable condition. Officials have said they don't believe the male nurse had contracted the disease from the patient but said they couldn't rule out that possibility.

Experts have warned that if the bird flu virus mutates into a form that allows for easy transmission between humans, it could spark a global pandemic that kills millions.

So far there has been no evidence it has acquired that ability, with most bird flu infections apparently stemming from contact with sick poultry. A case of limited human-to-human transmission, between a mother and daughter, was recorded in Thailand but the virus had not changed its form. *AP*

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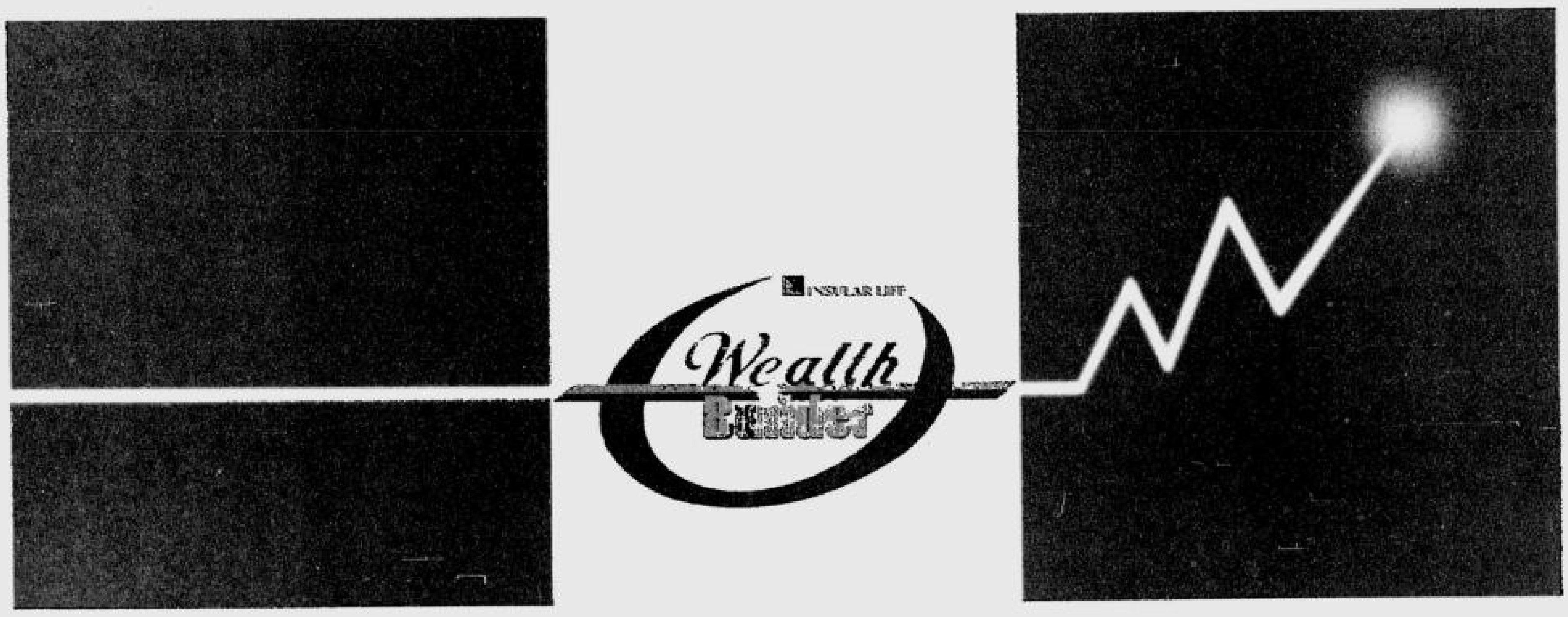

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Jacko $300M in debt, court told

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—Michael Jackson is more than $300 million in debt and faces a looming financial crisis brought on by his "spendaholic" ways, a prosecutor in the entertainer's child molestation case said on Friday.

"We have reason to believe that Mr. Jackson is on the precipice of bankruptcy," Santa Barbara County Deputy District Attorney Gordon Auchincloss said in a court hearing on whether Jackson's finances can be introduced as evidence at his trial.

"He is in debt to the tune of over $300 million."

Auchincloss, saying Jackson was "a spendaholic" who "had an insatiable appetite for money," sought access for prosecutors to the pop star's financial records.

Prosecutors argue that the deteriorating state of Jackson's finances explains why his camp flew into a panic over public backlash from a controversial 2003 documentary in which he described his habit of sharing his bedroom with boys.

The same documentary by British journalist Martin Bashir includes footage of Jackson holding hands and nuzzling with the then 13-year-old boy who told jurors this week that two liquor-laced nights at Neverland ended in Jackson's bed where the 46-year-old singer masturbated him.

Prosecutors claim that Jackson and his aides had detained the boy's family in a bid to coerce them into making a rebuttal video that would help shore up the crumbling image of the self-styled "King of Pop" and preserve his earning ability.

Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville did not rule on the motion. But he told lawyers on both sides to narrow their discussion of what financial evidence might be admitted in court.

Melville also said he would consider an unusual request from Jackson's lawyers that would allow the pop icon to skirt the sweeping gag order in the case and make a rebuttal video in a bid to make money.

Jackson's lawyers accused prosecutors of playing to the media on a day when jurors were out of the court room, but conceded that the entertainer had liquidity problems.

"Mr. Auchincloss just loves to have sound bites for the media," defense attorney Robert Sanger said.

Jackson's assets, Sanger said, were worth more than prosecutors estimated, but he conceded "liquidity from time to time may be a problem."

Jackson's lawyers returned to the issue of a rebuttal video on Friday. "We'd like to make a lot of money from these rebuttal programs," lawyer Brian Oxman told Melville, saying Jackson's team would come back with an "extensive request" to exempt the entertainer from the court order against speaking out about the case. *Reuters*

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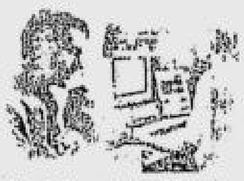

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Last Syrian troops leave north Lebanon for home

BEIRUT—The last Syrian troops in north Lebanon left for home on Friday, underlining Syria's diminishing role in its neighbor as a worsening political crisis threatened the timing of parliamentary polls due by May.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the movement of Syrian troops in Lebanon was "clearly not a bad thing but it is also not compliance" with UN resolution 1559, which calls for the full withdrawal of Syrian forces.

Thousands of soldiers and hundreds of vehicles streamed across the Syrian border after an overnight pullout. By noon the Syrians had vacated all army posts in the north, witnesses said.

Some intelligence offices were evacuated, although one was still manned in the city of Tripoli, a security source said.

Syrian forces first entered Lebanon in 1976, early in the civil war. Their numbers have declined to 14,000 from a peak of 40,000, but they had never before abandoned the north.

Syrian troops also continued to return home or move eastwards from the Beirut area in line with a phased withdrawal plan agreed this week amid intense global pressure on Damascus to lift its military and political grip on Lebanon.

It was not clear how many Syrian soldiers have gone home since the redeployment began on Tuesday.

UN envoy Terje Roed-Larsen, due to meet Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Damascus on Saturday, said he expected Syria to provide a firm timetable for a total troop withdrawal from Lebanon as demanded by Security Council resolution 1559.

"I'm looking forward for a good dialogue and of course I expect that we will get commitments and timetables for a full implementation of 1559," he told reporters in Amman.

Larsen is expected to meet Lebanese officials on Sunday.

In Beirut, the opposition indicated it would spurn a call by reinstated pro-Syrian Prime Minister Omar Karami for a national unity government, setting the stage for a political standoff that could force the general election to be postponed.

In an interview, Rice said she hoped Karami's naming was a "temporary" measure.

Lebanon's pro-Syrian Cabinet fell last week after an outcry over the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri, but Karami was reappointed on Thursday in a move opposition leaders said would only prolong political uncertainty.

Opposition Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, visiting Moscow, said Karami's reinstatement was "a disappointment and an extension to the crisis," while a group of Christian MPs said it "shows Syria's insistence on maintaining its tutelage policy."

A pro-Syrian political source warned of a power vacuum that could force the authorities to postpone the election.

"The initial reactions of the opposition indicate a refusal to join the government and thus we're heading to a government crisis... which would indirectly scrap the elections," said the source, who asked not to be identified.

A government must be formed soon to allow parliament to issue a law organizing the elections at least a month before they begin. Otherwise the polls would have to be rescheduled.

Opposition leaders have said they want a Cabinet excluding election candidates. They are also demanding a full Syrian pullout, the sacking of pro-Syrian security chiefs and an international inquiry into last month's assassination of Hariri.

"These elections will only be democratic and free if the withdrawal of Syrian troops and special forces working in Lebanon has been accomplished," Jumblatt told reporters.

Jumblatt called for international observers to attend the May elections. Failure to have this sort of monitoring, he said, would "put in doubt the legitimacy of the election." *Reuters*

US settles Nazi 'gold train' case for $25.5 million

MIAMI—The US government reached a $25.5 million settlement on Friday with Hungarian Holocaust survivors over a trainload of gold, artwork and other property seized by the US Army near the end of World War Two after it had been stolen by Nazis.

The proposed settlement, which will be used for social welfare programs for needy Hungarian victims of Nazi persecution rather than as compensation to individuals, was filed with US District Court Judge Patricia Seitz in Miami.

Court papers filed by the plaintiffs in the suit, the first of its kind against the US government over property theft by the Nazis, said the United States will also issue a statement of acknowledgment on the events surrounding the "Gold Train."

Decades after the event, and lacking an inventory, it would be hard and costly to assess personal loss and compensation, so most of the fund—a minimum of $21 million—would be used for social welfare programs, according to a memorandum to the court. Some of the money will also be used to fund an archival project on the Gold Train.

The US justice department issued a brief statement on the settlement but did not give details. Seitz will hold a hearing to approve the settlement next Thursday and final court approval would likely come in the fall of this year.

The trainload of goods stolen by the Nazis was seized by the US Army in Austria in 1945 in the waning days of the war.

The suit said the army falsely classified it as unidentifiable and enemy property, thus avoiding having to return the goods to their rightful owners.

The 24 boxcars were packed with gold, jewelry, art, clothing, Oriental rugs and other household goods and religious articles then valued at between $50 million and $200 million.

The items were widely dispersed—requisitioned by US military officers to furnish homes, sold in army commissaries or kept by military personnel as trinkets, according to government documents cited by the lawsuit.

The suit was filed in Miami in 2001 by Hungarian Jews living in the area and stalled amid efforts by the US government to dismiss the case until last December when both sides announced they had agreed to settle.

Jewish organizations such as the World Jewish Conference and the Confederation of Holocaust Survivors in Hungary welcomed the settlement.

"It's a very historic day, people have been waiting for a very long time for this... the sense of moral indignation that many people felt is going to be put to rest," said WJC governing board chair Israel Singer, adding the case was less about money than about giving people closure.

Singer, who is also the president of the Claims Conference, that has administered billions of dollars in compensation to Holocaust victims and survivors, stressed that he felt the United States played a heroic role in World War Two and the train case was an isolated "irregularity" that could not compare with the crimes of the Holocaust.

The suit originally sought $10,000 in compensation per plaintiff. Many of the owners of the goods died in Nazi concentration camps during the war. Lawyers had estimated that between 30,000 and 50,000 people could benefit from a deal.

The plaintiffs' memorandum on the settlement made plain that the case was proving tough to pursue and the settlement represented a moral victory. *Reuters*

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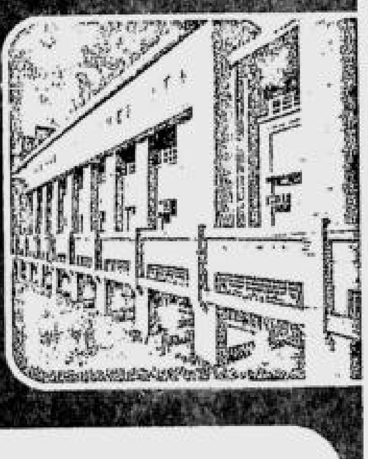

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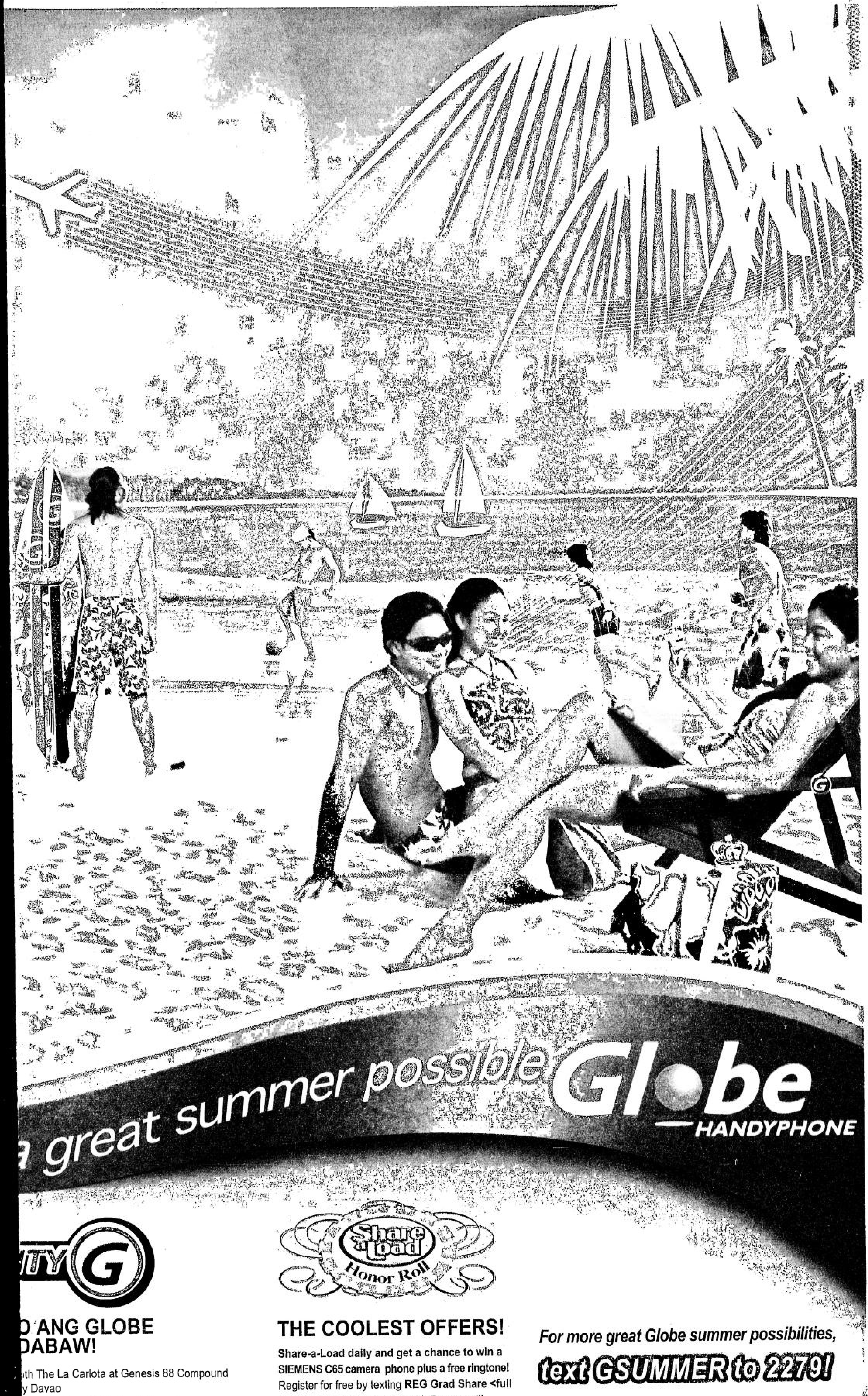

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Innocence

EDITORIALS

THE NEWS from Bohol has cut us to the quick. In part, it is because the tragedy was not caused by extraordinary weather or an out-of-the-ordinary situation; it arose out of the familiar routines of daily life. A crowd of grade school students rushes out at mid-morning to enjoy a traditional snack. What can be more ordinary than that?

In part, the tragedy bears heavily on us also because of the extreme youth of the victims. More than a hundred schoolchildren, aged between 6 and 13, had been poisoned, and as of yesterday 27 had already died. The victims' parents and many others have asked: What had they done to deserve this fate?

The Department of Health has narrowed the possible causes of the mass food poisoning to either cyanide (possibly left in the cassava because of undercooking) or pesticide (possibly through the use of contaminated containers). While careful to say that we must all wait for the results of the various tests being conducted, health officials actually think the pesticide poisoning or organophosphate theory may better explain the circumstances.

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said the symptoms exhibited by some of the patients were "more consistent" with the theory, and that the patients "were responding to atropine sulfate, which is the antidote for organophosphate [poisoning]."

Pinpointing the actual cause will help any post-tragedy initiative. If it is proven to be pesticide poisoning, then the attempts of, say, the Department of Education to impose "stricter restrictions" on food vendors plying their trade immediately outside schools will have to be reconsidered.

But knowing the cause of death will do very little to ease the trauma of the victims' families. Similarly, the conviction of the two snack vendors, possibly on charges of gross negligence or reckless imprudence, will serve the cause of justice, but the families will find little relief in it.

For the death of the children has inflicted a deeper wound. The families will be looking not so much for cause but for meaning. What had the children done to deserve this fate? Why did it happen so near the end of the academic year, at about the time the children were looking forward to more time for play? Who, in the end, is responsible for it all?

In an uncanny way, the news from Bohol anticipates the central story of Christianity's Holy Week: the horrifying death of the innocent.

Ignorance

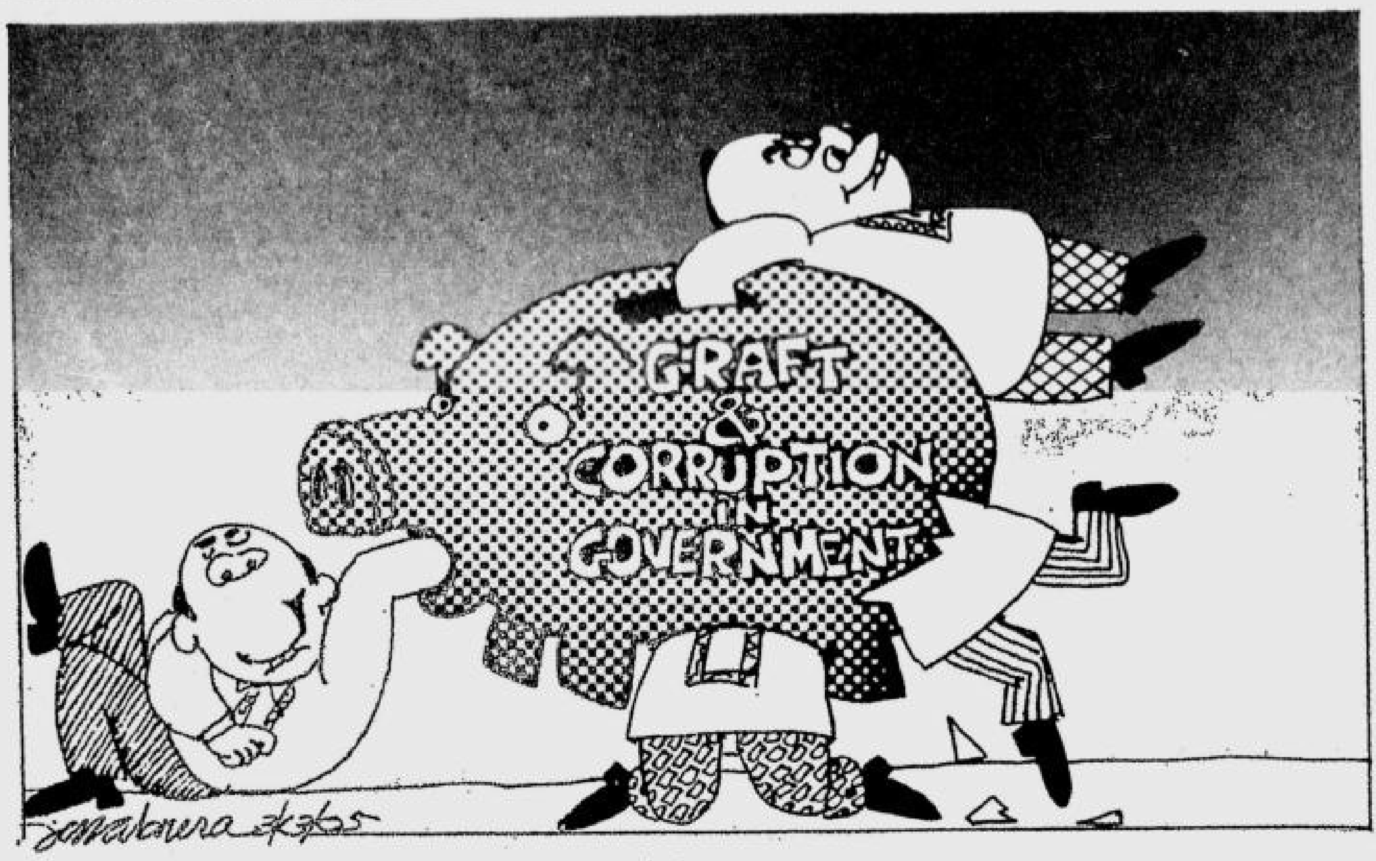
THERE is one thing we can say for certain about the "meaning" of the Bohol tragedy. It is **not** a sign, contrary to the opinion of Bohol Bishop Christian Noel, that God is displeased with the government's population management program.

A couple of days after the mass food poisoning, Bishop Noel took aim at the government's Ligtas Buntis campaign, using the lives of the schoolchildren as ammunition. "Maybe some of the [government's] health workers are trying to go beyond what they are expected by their conscience (to do). So now the Lord is giving us the sign that if we continue to go against what the Church preaches, something like this will happen to us," Noel had said.

We have no reason to doubt that Noel believes he is only offering a Christian explanation of the tragedy. We just don't agree that it is either. It does not explain the sudden death of the innocents, and it is emphatically not Christian.

The ghost of a violent God, seen most clearly in some passages of the Old Testament, was definitively laid to rest by the New. Precisely because of the redemptive suffering of Jesus Christ, the Christian understanding of God has changed, from the exacting, jealous God of the Old Testament, who punished the Egyptians with plagues and purified Job with extraordinary tests, to the suffering savior of the New Testament.

In other words, Noel is appealing to an image of God that is pre-New Testament, and thus not-yet-Christian. A truly Christian understanding of the Bohol tragedy will find Christ right there in Barangay San Jose in Mabini, among the victims.



Acquittal by inaction

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

MANY of us will recall that at the start of the trial of Joseph Estrada before the Sandiganbayan, one of his lawyers was said to have bragged that he could delay the proceedings by at least five years. I never heard him deny the report later, which could mean that it was true.

Assuming that it was merely an invention of some imaginative reporter, subsequent facts are nevertheless validating that arrogant boast. The information against Estrada and his son Jinggoy was filed in 2001, and it is now 2005. Erap's counsel have just started his defense after filing countless dilatory motions.

Erap has been allowed, among other privileges, to transfer from his original detention house in Laguna to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, to consult a faith healer in Caloocan (under heavy security including a hovering helicopter), to visit his mother, and to go to Hong Kong for surgery on his knees. This could have been performed here by our own competent surgeons but he apparently did not trust his own countrymen.

The case of Lucio Tan is another but similar matter. It began in 1993 with his prosecution for tax evasion in the amount of P25.6 billion. The cases were dismissed in 1999 but the government went to the Supreme Court, which ordered a retrial. At his arraignment recently, the prosecution brought three truckloads of documentary evidence that it hoped the defense would admit under a stipulation of facts. Tan's lawyer refused and insisted that every single document, most of which he had not yet even seen, be pre-marked.

The pre-marking of the voluminous documentary evidence of the government would take at least six months, according to the prosecution, before the trial could begin. Conceivably, the case could last for months and even drag for years, and would surely be appealed to the superior courts, including the Supreme Court, before it was finally decided. The trial judge has, however, ordered the marking to be done in the course of the trial, which may or may not speed up the proceedings.

It may be terminated earlier, of course, if Tan is acquitted by the trial court and can invoke the protection against double jeopardy if the government tries to prolong it. Such an outcome would at least conform to the constitutional policy for the speedy disposition of cases before judicial and administrative bodies.

All this brings to mind the unjustified delay in the decision of many other cases despite the mandate of the Constitution. The most obvious example is the Imelda cases that were begun under the Aquino administration after Edsa I in 1986. Many of these cases are still sleeping in the Sandiganbayan while the Merry Widow is still enjoying her life as if we were still under martial law with the courts still terrified of her.

In one memorable and exceptional case, she was found guilty of graft and corruption by the Sandiganbayan in a decision written by the late Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena. She appealed to the Supreme Court, where the Third Division chaired by Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa himself, affirmed her conviction.

Nothing daunted, she moved for referral of the case to the *banc*, which not only accepted it but also reversed the Division and the Sandiganbayan. Imelda's acquittal was written by Purisima, with Bellosillo, Melo, Puno, Kapunan, Mendoza, Martinez and Quisumbing concurring. The dissenters were Narvasa, Regalado, Davide, Romero and Panganiban, with Vitug for remanding the case to the Sandiganbayan.

The referral was itself a violation of SC Circular No. 2-89 based on the rule that the Supreme Court *en banc* is not an appellate body that can review the decisions of the Divisions, which act for and by authority of the Court *en banc*. But the case of the still influential former First Lady was considered an exception in the sound discretion of the Supreme Court.

According to a recent research, there are still 38 civil and criminal cases pending against Imelda in the Sandiganbayan. All of these were filed shortly after the overthrow of the Marcos misrule and the take-over of the Cory Aquino government 19 years ago. But they have yet to be decided despite the inexplicable delay.

The Court has in some cases held against Imelda, as when it ruled that that the secret negotiations between the Marcos heirs and the government regarding the disposition of their alleged ill-gotten was violative of the right to information on matters of public concern. And the high tribunal has also affirmed that the $684 million transferred by the Swiss government to an escrow account in the PNB belongs to the Republic and not Imelda and her children.

But there are still many cases that wait to be decided for or against Imelda, and also her relatives and close associates during martial law. Considering the inordinately long period during which their cases have been slumbering in our courts, including the Supreme Court, the suspicion is growing that the delay in their decision is caused not by mere neglect or indolence of the judges. Some say there could be a deliberate design to in effect acquit these privileged accused by simply not acting on their conviction.

'Hello . . . Tilala!'

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about an interviewer who asked: "What would you do if one morning you woke up and found beside you $1 million?" The American responded that he would go on a world tour. The Japanese said he would put up a luxury hotel. The Chinese said he'd put it all in stocks. The Filipino said he'd sleep again, so that when he woke up he'd have another million.

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We Filipinos have a deep faith in life after death. Because of our belief in resurrection, many of us see death as going to sleep and waking up to receive our reward from God. In today's Gospel (Jn. 11, 1-45), Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. God has power over death itself, for love is stronger than death. Have you thanked God for the gift of eternal life? Do you accept that God loves you so much that He wants to be with you forever? Do you accept with all your heart that you are meant for heaven? Death is not our end. Eternity is waiting. But are you ready to go in?

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We have a 90-year-old retired German missionary, Fr. August Herbers, SVD, at our retirement house. He may have forgotten even his name already, but this priest manages to greet everyone passing by with a melancholic "Hello." But instead of ending his greetings with "Goodbye," he concludes them with "*Tilala*," a Pangasinan word which means, "Let's go." The more I reflect on what he says, the more I realize the meaning of life.

"Hello" is a beautiful reminder for us to be grateful that we were born in this world. "*Tilala*" (Let's go) is a beautiful invitation from Father Herbers, reminding us to go to heaven someday. This simple, hardworking missionary, who spent most of his priestly life in Binmaley and Urdaneta, Pangasinan, is a living reminder that our "Hello's" don't end with goodbyes, that all "Hello's" should end with "let us go." Yes, let us move on and let us continue to go and to let go, till we reach heaven, our home.

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I had the privilege to interview Fr. James Reuter, SJ recently for our Sunday TV Mass and talk show (Studio 23, 7 a.m. every Sunday). Listening to this 88-year-old gem was such a refreshing and inspiring experience. Father James exudes so much life. There is fire in his words, and there is passion and compassion when he speaks. You'd think he'd be talking of days past.

Yes, he has plenty to say about that, but he is so aware and involved with the present, and so hopeful about the future. His optimism for our country is inspiring. He says that we in the Philippines don't have the money, but we have the heart. And he talks of death without fear, almost saying that he'll just go through it, and then wake up, and be in heaven. Just like that.

Yes, there are people who, by their very lives, continue to point not at themselves but at the Lord, and the beautiful life that awaits us. Thank God for people who lead us and point us to home. *Tilala*! Let's go!

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I will be in Roxas City tomorrow, March 14 to join the family of my classmate Fr. Tony Barriatos, SVD who died in Paraguay as a missionary some 10 years ago. Every year, I join them to remember, to pray, to be grateful and to be hopeful together that someday we all will meet again. We will celebrate the 5:30 p.m. Mass at the Roxas City Cathedral. If there were no resurrection, Father Tony's sacrifice in a foreign land would have no meaning, and his death would have been all in vain. A life well lived is in itself its own reward, but heaven completes the reward.

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Somewhere along the way, all of us had a "Lazarus moment" when we were healed from a sickness, spared from an accident, relieved from a burden or, perhaps, simply experienced a liberating insight. All these should make us grateful, and remind us that we must go on (*Tilala*!) because we still have a mission. Are you one who has been healed? You were healed for a reason, for a mission. Are you one who has been blessed much by God? That, too, has a reason, and you too have a mission.

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Inviting you all to our Annual Palm Sunday Recollection (organized by the Mission Angels) at the Meralco Theater next Sunday, March 20, 2005 at 8 a.m. till 12 noon. We have Fr. Lino Nicasio, SVD to give a talk. Sharers for this year will be Maria Paz Weigand, Maritess Temple, Vic Diño and Rona Ledesma and Fatima Soriano, with the special participation of Cocoy Laurel and company and the Oasis of Love Music Ministry. Let us start the Holy Week right by really spending time to listen to God.

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Let's end with the story I heard about a girl who asked a guy if he would still love her even if she had a past. And the guy's answer was: "That's okay. I don't have a future either." Yes, we all have a past. But the great news from our Lord Jesus is that we all have a future!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, remind me that life is not only a constant hello, but also a constant "Let's go," and a continuous letting go. Amen.

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The military in a corrupt society

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

YESTERDAY, the Philippine Military Academy graduated 149 brand-new second lieutenants who will serve in the different branches of the Armed Forces. You will probably read more on the event in the other sections of the paper. As I mentioned in a column more than a year ago, the graduation rites of the Academy are the most publicized in the country. Not the elite schools and universities in Metro Manila get the media attention that the PMA enjoys (when it comes to graduation rites). Of course, there is another side to the same coin. When a PMA graduate is involved in a scandal, he also lands on the front pages of most newspapers, giving the institution nightmares. Some of its fiercest critics have, from time to time, called for the abolition of the PMA, citing these scandals implicating products of Fort del Pilar. This is, to say the least, a dubious idea. An institution cannot be held responsible for the moral shortcomings of its graduates after graduation. If this were the case, some of the leading schools in the country would have been closed years ago. A wise man put things more sensibly, saying, "the frictions of real life desensitize even PMA graduates ethically."

This year the ceremonies were brought back from Camp John Hay to Fort del Pilar. I have always felt this was the most appropriate setting for the cadets to bid farewell to their alma mater—certainly not John Hay, which has remained the foremost symbol of the old colonial power in this part of the country.

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One of the leading lights of our class at the PMA has continued to speak out in various fora on the role of the military in our society. Brig. Gen. Jose Almonte (Ret.) served as national security adviser in the Cabinet of President Fidel V. Ramos from 1992-98. During his stint in Vietnam in 1966, he won the Distinguished Conduct Star for gallantry with the Philippine contingent. Upon retirement from government service in 1998, he was conferred the nation's highest award, the Ancient Order of Sikatuna. Joe has always been a visionary and an activist in the process of nation-building in the region, and today his views remain much sought-after by the political leaders of neighboring countries.

Last Christmas, he sent me a copy of his book "Toward One Southeast Asia," a collection of speeches on various topics dealing mainly with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. There is an interesting foreword to the book written by Anwar Ibrahim, former deputy prime minister of Malaysia from his cell in Sungai Buloh prison. (He has since been freed after serving six years on false charges of sexual misconduct. Can you imagine any of our political leaders serving time in prison on charges of sexual misconduct, false or otherwise?) In his notes, Anwar raised the issue of the historian's predicament, citing two inscriptions on the monument that marked the spot where Ferdinand Magellan landed on the island of Mactan. "The first marker, put up when the Philippines was still an American colony, described Magellan as the man who circumnavigated the earth and died after being wounded in an encounter with Lapulapu, chief of Mactan. A decade later, the leaders of an independent Philippine Republic erected a second marker, this time dedicated to Lapulapu, the first Filipino to have repelled European aggression after killing their leader, Ferdinand Magellan."

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Last Friday, in a conference organized by the Foundation for Economic Freedom in cooperation with the Friedrich Nauman Foundation, Almonte spoke of corruption in the AFP. He noted that the AFP budget of some P45 billion is the biggest single government bureau allocation. This may come as a surprise to many, but the Armed Forces is actually just one of several bureaus under the Department of National Defense. Until the present chief of staff, Gen. Efren Abu abolished the office, the AFP comptroller (J-6) disposed of this huge budget, exercising much leeway in internal auditing procedures.

With the powers of conversion (changing allocated AFP funds into cash for ad hoc expenditures), the comptroller family—made up of experts in conversion—enjoyed a great deal of slack in allocating funds. "In keeping with the fraternal spirit instilled in the officer corps, these comptrollers apparently look after high-ranking officers. For instance, retiring chiefs of staff apparently receive parting presents of quite large sums." Almonte added, the comptroller family never lost sight of the axiom that charity begins at home. Thus, Maj. Gen. Carlos Garcia is accused of diverting at least P71 million of AFP funds into his private account. And his predecessor, Lt. Gen Jacinto Ligot, is facing similar charges. It is only fair to mention that the current AFP chief, Gen. Efren Abu, has not only abolished the comptroller office. He has also stopped the practice of conversion and, only yesterday, he did away with the AFP Logistics Command which had become a magnet for all kinds of corrupt activities.

Almonte closed with an interesting point. He said that "our society faces a dilemma in dealing with its armed forces. If the military should reflect the corruption and incompetence in national society, then the military will aggravate this corruption and incompetence beyond the tolerance of ordinary people. But if, on the other hand, the military should remain professional in a state run by corrupt and incompetent politicians, then this professional military will—sooner or later—be moved by popular demand to take over such a mismanaged society.

"Ironically, a reforming AFP could present a mortal danger to a Philippine State which is unable—or unwilling—to reform itself."

The future of feminism

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

NEW YORK—It was their turn to speak. In a panel discussion—"Future perspectives on the promotion of gender equality: Through the eyes of young women and men"—young adults from around the world, representing various constituencies, spoke on ways to bring the fruits of the gender revolution to work on changing the future of today's boys and girls.

In previous days, the delegates and observers to the UN "Beijing + 10 Review" meeting gnashed their teeth in frustration over unnecessary delays in just affirming and recommitting to the consensus achieved at the Beijing Conference on Women in 1995. But the young people's plenary seemed more imbued with hope and optimism.

As one panel member, Thai college student Ingrid Tharasook, asserted: "It is a glorious thing to be young and feminist. In my right hand, I hold the bitter, almost stoic awareness of the gender inequality which most adults I know, numbed by years of sexist injustices, have come to terms with. But my left grasps a very firm grip of childhood naiveté, the kind which believes with wholehearted genuineness that I can change the world. It is my left hand that speaks to you today."

But while Tharasook—who spoke of her experience as a child of diplomats, growing up in both the capitals of the most developed countries in the world and far-flung outposts in poor and developing nations—was filled with optimism and burning with fervor to carry the torch of feminism forward, other panel members chose to focus on areas where feminism's promise has yet to have an impact.

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CATALINA Devandas Aguilar, a young lawyer from Costa Rica, spoke in behalf of young women with disability, who she says suffer from "systematic social exclusion." She chided the organizers for the absence of a ramp leading to the podium, of materials in Braille, and even of a sign language interpreter in consideration of disabled participants.

Young women with disabilities, she said, suffer from "double discrimination," from being disabled and being young.

"As girls with disabilities, we are seen as fragile and helpless, excluded from taking part in social and athletic activities," Devandas noted. In the same way that they have been "labeled" because of their physical disability, they are also overlooked as sexual beings in need of education and services. "We hardly have any sex education and are not warned about our risk of, for example, being infected with HIV."

But even as their sexuality is ignored, it is also tightly repressed. Devandas spoke of instances where young women with disabilities, especially those with learning disabilities, have been coerced into undergoing forced sterilization, on the mistaken notion that they have no capability to raise children or that they have a "duty" not to pass on their disabilities.

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A "NEW" frontier in gender studies, that of "engaging with young men and boys," was discussed by Australian academic Michael Flood. "If we are to build gender-equality, we need to involve boys and men," he declared. In this area of gender studies, he said, "we already know what works and what does not."

Successful approaches, Flood said, need to be "comprehensive; intensive, that is, interactive and sustained; relevant to its audience; and imparting positive messages."

While there is need, said Flood, to "minimize the reaction of defensiveness" among the young men who are being asked to challenge the structures that have long worked in their favor, those working with them also need to "undermine the powerful constructs of masculinities and sexuality."

Among the most effective approaches, said the gender studies researcher, is working with peer group counselors, who can reach the young men and boys "where they are," on the streets, youth clubs, in schools and within gangs and other subcultures, and who also speak their language and share their experiences.

During the interventions, a delegate from Jamaica wanted to know from Flood what he would say to men who maintain that in "deconstructing masculinity," women really want "to turn men into wimps." What he would say, said Flood, would be that "the traditional men's role is no longer sustainable, that they are damaging and limiting for both women and men, and that it is men's interest to support the social changes that have been taking place in the last three decades."

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THE OTHER speakers in the panel sought to point the way for the future of gender equality struggles.

Felicidad Martinez Solano, a member of an indigenous people in the Amazon area, spoke of the need to open discussion on the "system of social inequalities" that bedevils indigenous young women.

Edford Mutuma, from Zambia, declared that "culture and tradition should not be used to violate the rights of young women and men."

Frida Ohlsson, an officer of Sweden's Council of Young People, shared her experience in developing a research tool for measuring the inequalities between young men and women. The "tool" was quite simple, a way of tracking the participation of young men and women in group discussions. Using the statistics they gathered on how young men tended to dominate both the time and the flow of group discussions, said Ohlsson, their group was able to find an opening to a deeper discussion of how power is differently enjoyed and applied by young people of different genders.

Part of the "backlash" against feminism, it is said, is the indifference of young women and men to issues of equality, having taken for granted all the advantages they now enjoy. But if the words of the young panel speakers are anything to go by, the struggle for gender equality lives on, and it has found new soldiers with new weapons.

Population solutions

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE POPULATION problem has many sides to it, and often various issues get mixed up in one emotional brew, preventing reasoned discussion. Debate highlights the disagreements while ignoring the many points of a possible consensus.

Does our country have a population problem? There are at least three ways of viewing this problem. In its most basic sense, this is a problem of density, expressing a relationship between the human species and the space it inhabits. But it is also, more importantly, a problem of society impinging upon the limited resources at its disposal. That society may need to cut present consumption in order to ensure future growth. But again, having enough is not only a matter of economic growth, but also of the kind of social order that presides over the allocation of resources. Some ways of defining the population problem tend to rationalize or mask the basic disparities existing between nations and within nations.

But we do have a population problem. It is a problem that exists at both the societal and the individual level. Our population is expanding so fast it has already encroached upon critical space like the uplands, where life chances are marginal, and where ecological damage is long-term. Our cities are ringed by congested slums, where people are forced to live in sub-human conditions. Our facilities and public utilities—our schools, hospitals, water services, transportation, etc.—have not expanded as fast as our population has grown. A steady stream of migrants from the countryside pours into our cities in search of opportunity and a better life for their children.

We may lecture them all year about the evils of an unjust and exploitative social system. But it would be foolish and unfair to expect them to put their lives on hold until the promised emancipation. These are families who want to be able to plan their lives now so that their children do not have to face a future without hope. They are entitled to all the information and assistance they need—including the provision of safe modern methods of birth control—to be able to fulfill the tasks of responsible parenthood, and thus change the course of their lives. The choice, says our Constitution, is ultimately theirs, not the government's or the Catholic Church's.

The Church is entitled to oppose and campaign against population measures that it deems contrary to its religious doctrine. But the government not only has the right but the responsibility to formulate a population plan. House Bill 3773, or the proposed Responsible Parenthood and Population Management Act, is one such comprehensive plan. It is long overdue. A society that does not think of its population growth will confront the problem sooner or later in ways that permit no room for maneuver.

Reflecting on the experience of India, the noted French anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss writes in his classic work, "Tristes Tropiques": "When a community becomes too numerous, however great the genius of its thinkers, it can only endure by secreting enslavement. Once men begin to feel cramped in their geographical, social and mental habitat, they are in danger of being tempted by the simple solution of denying one section of the species the right to be considered as human. This allows the rest a little elbowroom for a few more decades. Then it becomes necessary to extend the process of expulsion."

I think that in a significant sense, we Filipinos are already "solving" the population problem in a manner we did not choose. One has to be blind not to see the stark division of our society between the few who have the chance to live full and productive lives and the many who are condemned from the start to experience life only as a slow and painful death. This is a caste system in many ways, yet we shield ourselves from its reality by building walls and gated subdivisions.

Exclusion is followed by expulsion, says Levi-Strauss, recalling the events unleashed by Hitler in Europe. "The systematic devaluation of man by man is gaining ground, and we would be guilty of hypocrisy and blindness if we dismissed the problem by arguing that recent events represented only a temporary contamination."

A new underclass has taken shape and is found all over the world, consisting of people who have fled from poverty at home. Filipinos constitute the single largest chunk of this global migrant caste, about one-fourth of our entire labor force. Excluded from their own society's structure of opportunity, they seek new lives abroad. They leave their families behind, hoping to send for them at some future time. Their departure gives the society they left a little breathing space; the remittances they send help temporarily stave off hunger at home. The services they perform abroad no doubt make life easier for the host nations they serve. But this will not continue forever.

Already, dark clouds loom in the horizon. Everywhere they go, these intrepid Filipinos face the threat of expulsion. Japan recently seized upon the issue of human trafficking to impose new restrictions on the entry of Filipino entertainers into its closed society. Malaysia, despite its vast uninhabited lands, feels threatened by the large numbers of Indonesians and Filipinos on its territory, and regularly launches a cleansing campaign.

Our people do not deserve to undergo these wrenching processes of degradation. The state loses its reason for being when it cannot provide for its own citizens' needs, and plan a future that ensures the survival and prosperity of its population.

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Fruits of corruption

AFTER INDONESIA, the Philippines has been tagged by a Hong Kong-based consultancy group as the second most corrupt country in Asia. So what else is new? An international research group made a similar finding early this year.

This latest slur on the country's image drew varying reactions from different sectors of our society. Some chose to treat it as a wake-up call for the government to intensify its efforts to rid the bureaucracy of personnel who think public office is a means to enrich themselves.

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Others used it as a platform to accuse the administration of either being a party to the corruption itself or not doing enough to arrest its growth. Their criticisms seem to rest on the assumption that fighting graft and corruption in the country is the principal, if not sole, responsibility of the government.

As the saying goes, it's easy to see the mote in another person's eye, but not in our own. Before some senators and congressmen rail against corruption in government, why don't they look at themselves first and ask if they have been scrupulous in handling the taxpayers' money given to them in the form of pork barrel allocations?

Neither is the ordinary Filipino entirely blameless for the corruption. When we offer a bribe to a traffic enforcer to avoid the payment of a fine, or clip a P100-bill in an application for a business permit to facilitate its approval, or ask a "fixer" to work on our papers because we do not want to follow the rules of procedure, we indirectly contribute to the development of a culture of corruption in our country.

Reaction

While the survey results on corruption were front-page news in our media, the reaction was different in Indonesia. I learned from a friend of long standing, who lives in Jakarta, Indonesia and was here last week on a business trip, that the item did not get as much attention as it did in our country.

He said they are used to this kind of criticism from foreign business groups that "see a lot of things wrong with Indonesia but persist in doing business in the country." He said the big issue in Indonesia now is its conflict with Malaysia over oil exploration rights in the shelf of an island that an international arbitration court has declared to be part of Malaysian territory.

My friend conceded that, like the Philippines, corruption is a serious problem in his country. But they are doing something about it and do not need foreigners to tell them how to deal with it.

I could only drool with envy when he told me that the trial of a son of former Indonesian strong man Suharto who has been accused of engaging in questionable business transactions during his father's rule is nearing conclusion in the prosecution's favor.

And here we are, 19 years after the Edsa I revolution, not one of the people who plundered the country during the martial law years has been held accountable for his crimes.

Noticeably, for a country that supposedly reeks with graft and corruption, Indonesia does not show signs of suffering from its ill effects. There are no reports of widespread unrest or economic discontent in the world's most populous Muslim country; neither do we hear of foreign investors pulling out of Indonesia en masse to move to other parts of the region.

Effects

The commercial and industrial infrastructure of Indonesia is excellent. Its principal international airport is neat and efficient; airline passengers can fly in and out without being bothered by extortionists or scheming taxi drivers.

The ride to the capital from the airport is smooth and pleasant; there are no shanties along the way that will ruin the travelers' mood. Jakarta's commercial district surpasses its counterpart in Makati City in terms of availability and quality of office and communications facilities.

The tourism facilities of Indonesia are world-class. Access to the tourist spots is easy, and there are hotel rooms for all kinds of tourists. Until the resort town of Bali was hit by terrorist bombs two years ago, tourism was a major moneymaker in that country.

Of course, it helps that Indonesia has oil deposits that assure it of steady foreign exchange revenue and reduce the cost of industrial and commercial production. If the critics of Indonesia are to be believed, that natural resource is not immune from the web of corruption that supposedly exists in that country.

So how can Indonesia continue to enjoy economic growth in spite of its supposedly being the most corrupt country in Asia?

An Indonesian lawyer I met in Manila, shortly after Suharto was forced out of power in 1998, gave me an idea on how that aberration (at least from the point of view of Westerners) is possible.

Nationalism

In one of our conversations, we talked about the similarities between the Marcos and Suharto families when they held—and later lost—authoritarian powers in their respective countries.

The lawyer admitted that Suharto and his children used their political clout to win lucrative contracts in the government and private sectors. Practically all of the big-ticket projects in Indonesia went to the companies they either owned or had substantial interests.

But unlike their counterparts in Third World countries, they kept the bulk of their wealth in Indonesian banks and financial institutions. Whatever money they stashed away in banks in the United States or the Netherlands (the former colonial master of Indonesia) were intended only to cover their expenses whenever they go on vacation in those countries.

They could have easily flown out of Indonesia when the Suharto regime was starting to collapse. But they did not.

According to the lawyer, the Suharto children did not want to live anywhere in the world but in Indonesia; their love for their country was so strong that they and their families, including their financial resources, stayed put in Indonesia in spite of the dangers they faced with their patriarch's ouster from power.

Thus, their wealth remained in Indonesia and became available as capital for various local business ventures.

In the case of the Philippines, the proceeds of graft and corruption are quickly wired or stashed away in US or Swiss banks. Come to think of it, if our homegrown crooks had a similar "sense of nationalism," we probably would not be in the kind of fiscal mess that we are in now.

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Can Ligtas Buntis save lives?

AS THE DEBATE about the Ligtas Buntis program of the Department of Health escalates, its opponents have come up with outlandish arguments.

A Catholic bishop has linked the poisoning of pupils in Mabini, Bohol after they ate sugarcoated cassava fries to Ligtas Buntis.

Bishop Christian Noel of the Diocese of Talibon, Bohol said the poisoning should remind people that they did not have to support Ligtas Buntis. "It is not pleasing to God," he said.

Earlier, another Catholic bishop took a swipe at the DOH program. "The name itself suggests it's a crime to get pregnant," Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla said.

"Do you have to save people from getting pregnant?" he asked.

The head of a Church-backed group in Kidapawan City said the DOH program gave a negative impression. "It is like telling the public that the government is out there saving women from a dreaded disease."

Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit said Church opposition to the program stemmed from its stand against any program aimed at controlling population growth.

But he said Ligtas Buntis was premised not on controlling population but on safeguarding the health of mothers and children.

It means "safe pregnancy" as it is about undertaking health education and providing service so that every pregnancy is valued, planned and cared for by the mother, according to the health secretary.

Program means safe pregnancy, freedom from ignorance

By Manuel M. Dayrit MD, MSc
Health Secretary

On March 4, at around the same time that Pro-Life groups were holding a rally at Liwasang Bonifacio against House Bill No. 3773, or the proposed "Responsible Parenthood and Population Management Act of 2005," and the Ligtas Buntis program, I was in Sultan Kudarat. I was conducting a school assembly among high school students of the Tacurong National High School. I had invited four fourth year high school students up on stage to dialogue with me. Hundreds of students were gathered around the open field to listen. This was the first time a health secretary had come to visit their school.

"What do you understand by Ligtas Buntis?" I asked. The first student (a girl), answered: it means "safe," not quite able to complete her sentence as she groped for words. "What's safe?" I continued. The second student (a boy) said: "Safe pregnancy." "Why safe pregnancy?" I pressed on. "Because we want to protect and not hurt anybody," the third student (a boy) answered.

"What do you want to protect and who do you not want to hurt?" I asked further. The third student said confidently: "We want to protect our future. And we want to protect our parents and ourselves."

Be responsible

"Why?" I asked. "We have to be responsible!" the fourth student (a girl) answered. "If a student like me gets pregnant, I may not be able to finish school. My parents will suffer, and I will lose my future." I pressed on: "Have you learned about making babies?" They nodded in the affirmative. I continued: "I think you know that when a man and woman have sex, the woman can get pregnant and have a baby. Who should be having sex? Should you be having sex?" The first student answered: "I think sex should be reserved for those who have finished school, who are married, and who are ready to raise a family."

Am I really hearing this here in Tacurong high school? I thought to myself.

"And the Bible teaches that marriage is a responsibility and a God-given union between a man and a woman," the first student continued, obviously quite convinced about what she was saying.

Yes, I did have that conversation among high school students in Tacurong. And not only was I elated to hear the answers, most of the students in the audience were, too. They clapped at the responses of their classmates on stage, I guess partly due to the thrill of seeing them speak, and partly in acknowledgment of what they said. I looked at the faces of the girls and boys in the audience. They were smiling and enjoying the conversation on stage.

Woman with 10 kids

Twelve days earlier, on Feb. 21, I was in an urban poor community in Tatalon, Quezon City. We had just launched the Ligtas Buntis Program and were visiting houses in the area. The barangay leaders had convened about 30 women and a few men to dialogue with me regarding the program. The atmosphere was relaxed and expectant. "I'm here to talk to you about the Ligtas Buntis Program," I said. "How many of you here have two children?" I asked. Three women raised their hands.

"How many of you have six children?" Two women raised their hands. "How many of you have 10 children?" One woman raised her hand. I invited the woman with 10 children up front for a conversation. "Could you tell us the ages of your children?" She answered: "23, 21, 19, 16, 13, 11, 9,8,7,6." "Do you want to have more children?" I asked. "*Hindi na po, naligate naman ako.*" "Did you plan the spacing or your children?" I asked. "Why did you have children every year for your last four pregnancies?" She smiled and said: "*Basta lang ganyan ang nangyari.*"

"Did you use any contraceptives?" I asked. "*Hindi po. Wala naman po kaming pakialam doon,*" she said. "Who advised you to have a ligation?" I asked. "*Sabi ng doktor, dapat para sa kalusugan ko at baka mamatay na ako.*"

Prenatal checkup

Right in front of me, sitting in the first row were three pregnant women. Two of them were in their second pregnancy and one was in her third. "Are you going to the health center for prenatal checkups?" I asked. All three of them shook their heads to say no. I continued: "Where will you deliver?" All three of them could not give a specific answer.

Maybe they were too shy to say. Maybe they intended to deliver at home with the help of a birth attendant from the community. Maybe they were leaving the decision to their husbands who might rush them to a nearby hospital when labor pains came. But all of them had had the experience of one delivery and survived, I thought. They were too shy to discuss their situation, so I thanked them for their presence and asked the doctor in charge of the health center in the area to conduct a private session with them later.

These two assemblies are only a sample of what the Department of Health (DOH), working with local governments and other partners, is trying to do in the field for the Ligtas Buntis campaign.

At the third community assembly, also in Sultan Kudarat, I was told about a woman who died after she underwent an abortion because of a pregnancy that resulted from having been raped.

So what is the Ligtas Buntis Program? What is it trying to do? Why is it so controversial?

Health education

The short answer is this. Ligtas Buntis means "safe pregnancy." It is about undertaking health education and providing needed services so that every pregnancy is thought through, valued, planned and cared for by the mother and her husband (partner) and all those who are tasked with and trained to help the couple conceive and carry a pregnancy to completion safely.

As pregnancy takes nine months to complete, there are dangers and risks all throughout. In the first months of pregnancy, we know that thousands of induced abortions take place when a pregnancy is undesired. Ligtas Buntis is against abortion. In the middle of pregnancy, many premature births occur and babies either die from prematurity or become handicapped for life.

Ligtas Buntis is against premature births. When the pregnancy reaches term, many women die from the complications of delivery. Most bleed to death or die from difficult labor particularly in places where there are no skilled personnel or facilities to ensure safe delivery.

Ligtas Buntis is against mothers dying at childbirth or babies dying or being injured during delivery. Too many of our children have cerebral palsy because of birth injuries.

To be free

But beyond this physical or biological goal of safe pregnancy, *ligtas*, which also means "to be free," emphasizes the freedom and responsibility of couples to raise a happy family, to determine the number of children that they desire, and to be free to choose the means by which to space or limit their number of children according to their conscience, religious beliefs, or cultural values.

It can also mean freedom from coercion and freedom from ignorance about matters that concern procreation.

Ligtas Buntis is about good health of mothers and children. Ultimately, it is also about the freedom and responsibility to raise happy and loving families.

If the goals are so noble, why has the program become so controversial? Why has the Church denounced it? Why do population control advocates belittle it?

Controversial

This is why I think this program is inherently controversial.

The mindset of the population control debate over the years has shackled us and has propagated this never-ending debate about family planning, contraception and population control. It stems from the premise that family planning services primarily exist to reduce the fertility of women and to slow down the growth of our population.

Because contraceptives have been heavily promoted in the past with the goal to reduce fertility, the Catholic Church stands against any program that does this.

What the DOH is saying now is that with Ligtas Buntis, we begin with the premise of safeguarding the health of mothers and children and the family. We do not begin with the premise of population control. And because we do not begin with the premise of population control, it is not our intention to distribute contraceptives to every household with the advice to use them so it can prevent pregnancy.

Unplanned

However, contraceptives are available for those who wish to use them. It is part of our job to advice a man and a woman on the proper use of contraceptives, including their benefits and side effects.

But on the other hand, because we are not distributing contraceptives to every household, population control advocates belittle the program. This is our answer to them. Taking the example of Bulacan, which has 62,000 live births every year, we might ask: "How many of these pregnancies that occur were undesired, unplanned or could have been postponed if the proper information or service were made available to the woman or couple concerned?"

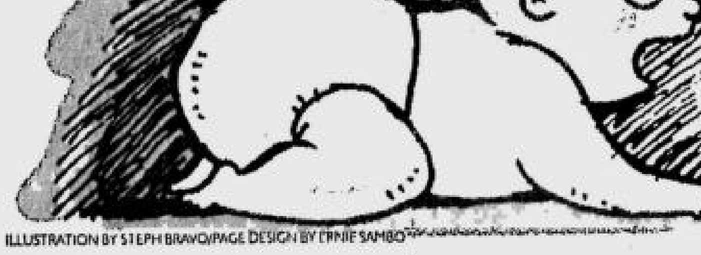
If 10 percent of pregnancies fell into this category and we could reach these couples before the pregnancy occurred, wouldn't we have effectively postponed or prevented 6,200 pregnancies? Wouldn't this program have achieved some demographic effect, which population advocates are clamoring for?

Informed choice

In the end, when asked about natural or artificial methods, we say respect the informed choice according to the conscience and family aspirations, and religious and cultural beliefs of individuals and families. For Catholics, and they are the majority in this country, respect and listen to the teachings of the Catholic Church. We encourage Catholics to speak with their priests regarding these issues and their personal circumstances. But there are nominal and non-practicing Catholics and non-Catholics who believe differently and do not subscribe to what the Catholic Church teaches. Let them seek their counsel where they may and let them follow the dictates of their conscience as well.

Let me end with this. If we could stop all pregnancies in a poor province like Samar today for the next 25 years, would Samar become prosperous and rich? Without jobs for the citizens, infrastructure for agriculture and industry, electricity for barangays and education for the youth, I doubt it. The true development of a province like Samar would need more than reducing fertility. It would need simultaneous inputs from many other sectors as well.

Ligtas Buntis? Yes, good health for mothers, children and families. We need the openness to discuss this. Maybe we can learn from the high school kids at the Tacurong National High School in Sultan Kudarat.



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GMA prefers cable cars, not flyover project for Baguio

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FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—President Macapagal-Arroyo believes cable cars will serve the public better than a controversial Baguio flyover project that has polarized the city, and which has put the Department of Public Works and Highways in a bad light.

The DPWH Cordillera office has been asserting its decision to raise an P88-million vehicular flyover that will bridge the historic Kennon Road to the modern Marcos Highway.

These are the two key routes to the summer capital.

The flyover project will use the savings the DPWH has generated from the restoration and modernization of Marcos Highway, which was financed by a 1997 loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).

But the President said she wants the Marcos Highway savings to be used for more practical purposes.

"I appeal to the contractors to allow the DPWH to change the project to a farm to market road [for] Kapangan [town in Benguet] and a cable [car] system in Tinglayan [town in Kalinga]," Ms Arroyo told reporters here.

Both these towns are notorious for its marijuana farms, which the police have found difficult to destroy because of the areas' terrain, said Chief Supt. Jesus Versoza, Cordillera police director.

He said the road to Kapangan would help its local government market anthuriums. Kapangan Mayor Rogelio Leon has been encouraging the town's farmers to replace marijuana with the high value cut flower.

The cable car system will accelerate the rice and vegetable production of Tinglayan, one of the poorest towns in the country.

"[The President] was attracted to the potentials of these projects in ridding the Cordillera of illegal drugs," he said.

Ms Arroyo's decision also ends a political war over the project.

The flyover project was supported by former Baguio Mayor Bernardo Vergara, who helped draw up the Marcos Highway modernization project when he was Baguio representative.

But it was originally introduced as a P140-million vehicular underpass in 1999, which would also link the two major roads, but was scrapped due to its ecological impact.

Virginia de Guia, a former Baguio mayor, said Baguio old timers have objected to the project because the DPWH tried to pass off a fraudulent environmental compliance certificate to justify it.

The agency used an ECC for a 178-meter long flyover when it was undertaking a 296-meter structure, she said.

De Guia had asked former acting Public Works Secretary Bayani Fernando to investigate the regional office for its "unusual interest in the project."

But she said she received no formal report from him.

Ms Arroyo said the government's hands are officially tied.

House asked to pass bill on mining taxes of LGUs

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—The provincial board is asking the House of Representatives to immediately calendar for plenary debate a bill that seeks to require mining companies to directly pay to local governments their share of the national wealth tax.

In a resolution, the board said the approval of House Bill 1445, proposed by Baguio Rep. Mauricio Domogan and Benguet Rep. Samuel Dangwa, would eliminate red tape in the remittance from the national treasury of the tax shares of provinces, towns and barangays.

The bill, which has passed first reading in the House, seeks to amend section 290 of the Local Government Code (Republic Act 7160), which mandates that 40 percent of the annual national taxes paid by groups engaged in the use of natural resources should be given to local governments that host the operations.

Under the present setup, however, the excise taxes are paid to the national treasury and the 40-percent shares of local governments are usually given at a latter period and in a staggered basis.

The mining companies are required to pay their national wealth tax every quarter of a fiscal year.

If the bill is approved, the share of local governments will be automatically remitted to their coffers, said Benguet Board Member Juan Nazarro Jr.

Benguet hosts some of the country's top mining companies like the Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co., Benguet Corp., Philex Mining Corp., Itogon-Suyoc Mines, Western Minolco and Benguet Exploration.

But Board Members Nazarro, Johnny Uy and Apolinario Camsol said that despite the millions of taxes paid by these firms, the province remains to be a member of the country's poorest provinces.

A reason, Nazarro said, is the province's share in the national wealth tax is not given directly and fully to the local treasury.

"Despite repeated demands for the release of the tax shares, the entire share of the province is yet to be delivered," he told the INQUIRER. "This system is causing injustice to the people."

Nazarro cited the case of the taxes paid by Philex. He said for 2000 up to the first quarter of 2003, the company paid excise taxes worth P204.6 million.

He said 40 percent of this payment (P81.8 million) should go to Benguet.

Of the 40 percent share, Nazarro said, P16.3 million should go to the provincial treasury; P18.4 million should go each for Itogon and Tuba for hosting Philex's operations; and P14.3 million should be received each by Barangays Ampucao in Itogon and Camp 3 in Tuba, where the company operates.

To date, only P7.8 million of the share of Benguet has been remitted by the national government, leaving a balance of P8.5 million.

"Allowing local units to directly collect their tax shares will mean savings in time and effort in asking Manila (national treasury) to release the fund," he said.

He said the bill's approval would boost the income and development potentials of the province. *Delmar Cariño, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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Aid worker disappears; kin, friends puzzled

CARMEN, North Cotabato—A member of a humanitarian group in Central Mindanao went missing since last week and his co-workers and authorities are puzzled.

Benjie Laguialaot, a community organizer of the Community and Family Services International, was last seen with his brother in Sitio Bulit, Barangay Kayaga Kabacan town on Friday last week.

Toto claimed that his brother decided not to go with him to Kabacan because he wanted to go to Barangay Liliongan here.

Laguialaot, Toto said, boarded a tricycle and went to the terminal for Liliongan.

Nothing has been heard of the community organizer since then.

His family and his co-workers in the CFSI said they were desperately trying to contact his mobile phone but it appears that it is out of the service coverage area.

Police authorities here said Laguialaot's disappearance was strange.

They said based on investigation, some people claimed they saw Laguialaot in Kabacan town on Saturday, apparently waiting for his girlfriend.

But the girlfriend later said she did not meet Laguialaot that day because she was with her mother.

"We don't know where he is now. It seems we would all go crazy because we don't even know if he is already dead," Laga Padi, an aunt of Laguialaot's, said.

She said her nephew would not just disappear because he loves his work so much.

CFSI workers said they found out that on Monday, a withdrawal was reflected on Laguialaot's bank account but it was not clear if he personally made the withdrawal.

Based on bank records, the withdrawal was performed through one of the Automated Teller Machines in Kidapawan City.

Celia Santos, CSFI project officer, said they could not understand why he would just disappear.

"We could find no reason as we are not yet getting any news from him or from group who might have him now . . . but we are praying that he is safe," Santos said.

Laguialaot has been with the CFSI for more than three years already. He currently works with a Manobo community in Barangay Lililongan here.

"The Manobo community are in mourning now because they are very worried for him," Santos said. *Jeffrey Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Dads can't decide on national ID yet

NAGA CITY—Chapters of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) will consult first their constituents before deciding on whether or not they would support the identification system the national government is pursuing.

Antonio Olaño, PCL Camarines Sur president, expressed yesterday the uncertainty of the stand of the PCL chapters on the national ID system, saying their group always decides in consensus.

But Olaño said that going by the stand of the national PCL directorate, it was clear that they were pushing for its implementation.

He said he was even asked during the national assembly to sign a PCL position paper that supports the national ID system.

Olaño said he declined to sign the paper even though it had been overdue because, he said, he could not commit to support the national ID system without the approval of his constituency.

He said they had agreed to submit their position after thoroughly consulting their members in the 36 local government units in Camarines Sur.

Olaño said Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes briefed them last week regarding the proposed national ID system as part of the 10-point agenda of the Macapagal-Arroyo administration.

He said Reyes spoke before the assembly of all councilors all over the country but, he said the PCL chapters had not committed yet any support for its implementation.

Critics of the planned national ID system said it could open the doors for violations of privacy and human rights. *Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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DPWH men face charges for theft of scrap metal

SOLANO, Nueva Vizcaya—Two engineers and an employee of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) are facing criminal and administrative charges for their alleged involvement in a syndicate that sells scrap metal from a bridge project here.

Chief Insp. Francisco Palattao, acting police chief here, said Redentor Agbayani, 41, welder of the DPWH Area Equipment Service (AES) based in Bayombong town, was arrested while selling pieces of metal at a junk shop in Barangay Roxas here on Wednesday night.

Also implicated were engineers Joleto Paltep, DPWH-AES chief here, and Danilo Bernabe, who supposedly demanded the release of Agbayani, the DPWH truck and the seized scrap metal.

Palattao said Agbayani was arrested at the Andy's junk shop while unloading three pieces of four-foot long beams supposedly taken from materials used in the repair of the Maddiangat Bridge in Barangay Bagahabag here.

The truck also contained a welding machine, which the suspect supposedly used to cut the scrap metal before selling them as smaller pieces, police said.

Paltep and Bernabe, a police report said, arrived that night at the scene. Bernabe reportedly warned the policemen not to proceed with their investigation, claiming that Rodolfo Alday, DPWH Cagayan Valley director, knew about the matter.

"*Makakarating ito kay mayor. Ipatatanggal ko kayo sa serbisyo. Alam ito ng* regional director (The mayor will know about this. I will work for your dismissal from the service. The regional director knows about this)," the police report quoted Bernabe as saying. Bernabe referred to Solano Mayor Santiago Dickson.

Palattao, however, refused to heed Bernabe's demands after Alday, whom he called for verification, denied knowing about the anomaly.

The INQUIRER tried to get Bernabe's side but he declined to be interviewed.

On Friday, Bernabe was seen with other DPWH regional officials, led by lawyer Nestor Marallag, acting legal division chief, talking with Palattao at the police station.

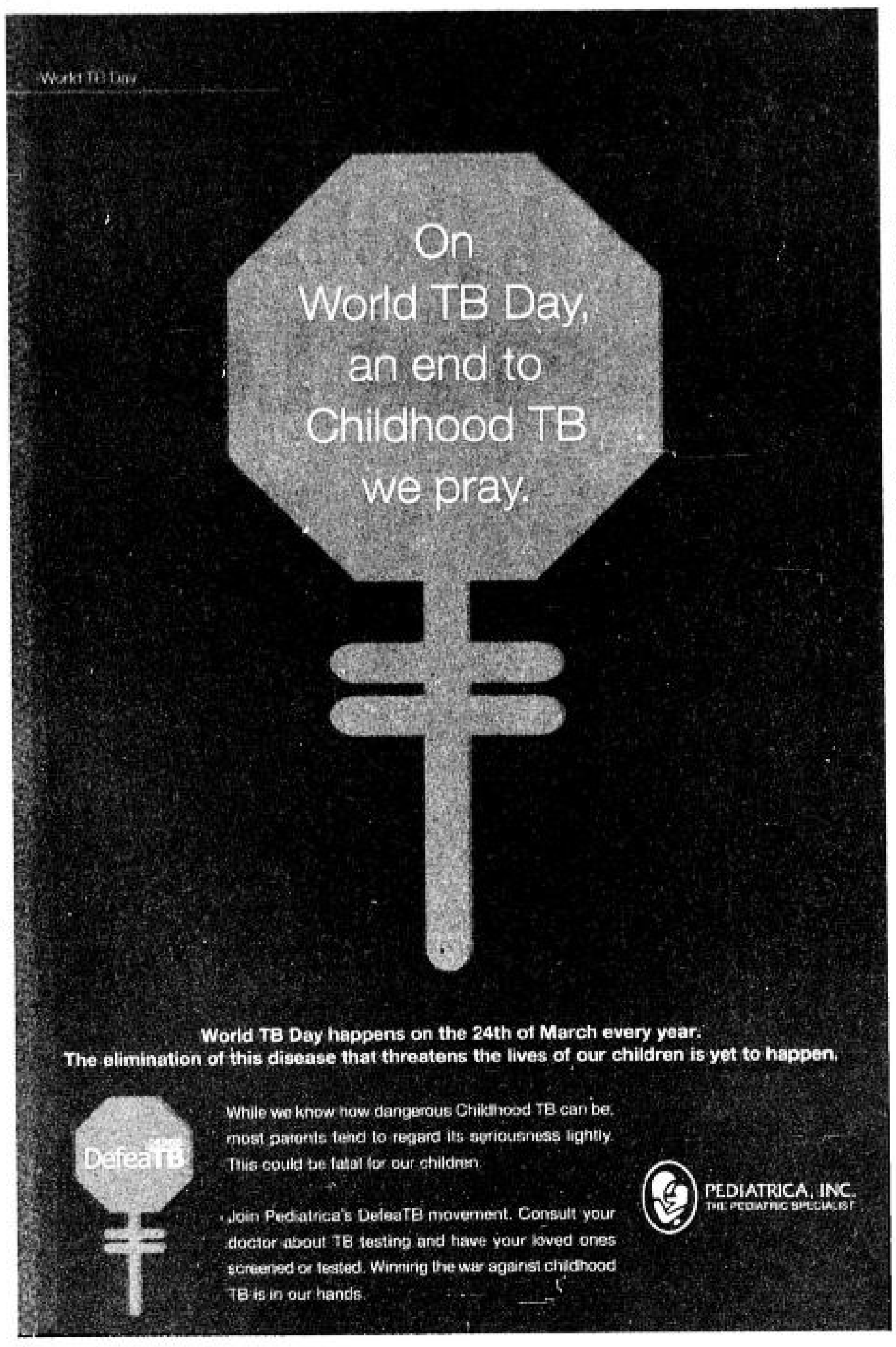
Palattao said Marallag had asked the police to turn over to them the criminal and administrative cases against the three DPWH employees supposedly for their evaluation.

When reporters tried to interview the DPWH officials, Marallag declined, and asked them not to report about the incident.

"You cannot write about it yet because *prima facie* [probable cause] has not yet been established. We will still verify the veracity of the charges," Marallag said.

Ronald Reyes, chief of DPWH north district here, said the suspects claimed they were forced to sell the materials to help their workers.

"But this is a violation and therefore they will be charged administratively," Reyes said. *Melvin Gascon and Ben Moses Ebreo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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Trader escapes kidnappers by jumping off car

COTABATO CITY—A prominent businesswoman here said she escaped from her abductors by jumping off a vehicle being used to move her to another area on Thursday evening, Mayor Muslimin Sema said.

Sema said she talked with Pilar Yu-Gomez, whose family owns the Mardoney's fastfood here, and was told that she was emerging from the restaurant on Wednesday evening when seized by unidentified suspects.

Sema said Gomez told him she was being moved to another location when she saw an opportunity to escape.

She said she managed to jump off the vehicle as it was cruising nearby Sultan Kudarat town in Maguindanao.

It was not clear whether she suffered injuries.

Reporters tried but failed to reach Gomez, who was resting according to family members.

Sultan Kudarat Mayor Tocao Mastura, an uncle of the victim's, said on Friday that her niece was actually rescued by local officials, militiamen and soldiers belonging to the Army's 3rd Infantry Battalion.

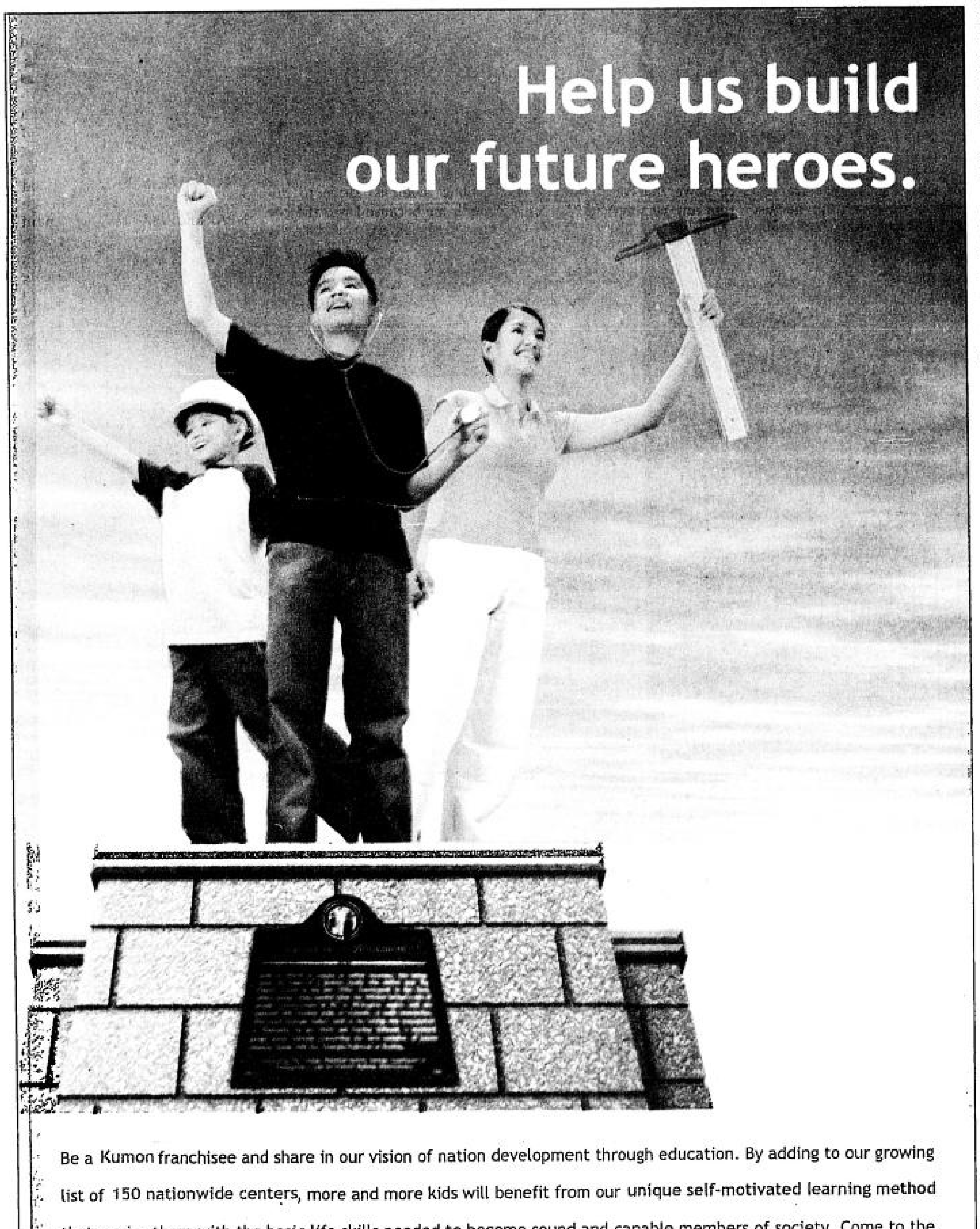
In Davao City, the wife of an Arabic teacher who went missing after the Sasa Port bombing said she was still trying to locate her husband nearly two years after he disappeared.

Based on police records, Ustadz Sabtura Ala was abducted by four unidentified men in Barangay Ma-a the day after the April 2, 2003 port bombing that killed 16 people and wounded 55.

"I want to know where he is, whether he's dead or alive," a teary-eyed Aminah Ala, 43, said.

Aminah said her husband, a community leader, had left home for the barangay hall at about 3 p.m. when unidentified suspects dragged him into a waiting white van without a license plate.

"My husband was a good man," she said as she drew out of her wallet a fading picture of a tall, thin man in a white shirt. *Charlie Señase and Germelina Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*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Cavite gov leads Cala Buena Day in Ternate

THOUSANDS of Caviteños joined hands recently to clean up the shores of Caylabne Bay Resort in Ternate town.

Called the Cala Buena Day, the affair was led by Cavite Gov. Ayong Maliksi.

It was participated in by officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the groups Cavite for A Sustainable Environment (Case), Cavite Eco-Aide.

Officers from the Philippine Marines and leaders of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the Philippine Divers Association also took part in the cleanup drive.

Cala Buena was the new name given to Caylabne Bay Resort, whose owner, Luis Virata, also led in the cleanup operation.

Maliksi, in a press statement, said he was commending the efforts of Case and the people of Cavite in the cleanup drive and in helping preserve the resources of the sea around the area.

Among the other officials who took part in the cleanup drive were Environment Undersecretary Armando de Castro, environmentalist-actor Roi Alvarez, Geronimo Reyes of the International Marine Alliance and Romulo Neri, director general of the National Economic and Development Authority.

Neri, in a speech during the cleanup drive, said protecting the environment has its rewards in terms of economic benefits.

ROUNDUP

Play for Mangyan school

CITY OF CALAPAN—The Tugdaan Center for Human and Environmental Development Inc. will stage in different schools here a play dubbed "Saplengen in Rambiyaw" (a love story on ancestral land) on March 16-18, 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. "We hope to generate funds for the construction of the Mangyan Science Building, which burned down on Jan. 1 this year," said Cathy Ramirez, teacher. The cast includes 40 Alangan Mangyans and some students and teachers of the Jose Leido Jr. Memorial National High School. For tickets, please contact 09204163371.
Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

5 kids die in blaze

LUCENA CITY—Five children, including a two-month-old girl, died in a fire in Barangay Tinugunan Ibaba in Padre Burgos, Quezon on Wednesday evening, police said in a report that reached Camp General Nakar here Thursday. The report identified the victims as Jessica Boce, 6; her siblings Robert, 3, Mary Ann, 4, and Janine, 2 months old; and their cousin Jessica, 6, all residents of the village. It said Janeth Boce, the mother of the four victims, left the house at around 8:55 p.m. to buy food at a store some 50 meters from their house. On the way home, Janeth suddenly saw their shack on fire. The eldest brother of the victims tried to put out the fire but to no avail. The report said the unidentified survivor was able to save only three of his seven siblings. Arson investigators said a lighted kerosene lamp that probably fell on its side could have started the blaze.
Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Mayor stabbed by cousin

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—A person said to be mentally disturbed went berserk and stabbed the mayor of General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite when the latter tried to pacify him in Barangay De las Alas Friday morning. Chief Insp. Randolf Tuaño, town police chief, said residents of the barangay sought the help of Mayor Walter Echovarria Jr., after the suspect, John Meonada, 48, stoned several houses in the community. Tuaño said the suspect is a second degree cousin of the mayor. He said when Echevarria arrived in the area at around 8:30 a.m., he went straight to the suspect's house to talk to him. "But without any provocation, Meonada brought out a knife and stabbed the mayor once in the chest," Tuaño said. The mayor ran out of the house but was pursued by the suspect and stabbed twice in the body. Echevarria's bodyguards shot the suspect three times in the arms, Tuaño said.
Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LOAD

JOAN BONDOC

A man and his children carry relief goods in Lagunoy, Camarines Sur after receiving them from the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) which is helping victims of typhoons in the province cope with hardships brought by the Typhoons Unding and Yoyong.

Mayor says he's surprised by murder raps against him

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—Mayor Michael Fariñas said he was surprised by the reported filing of murder charges against him by the National Bureau of Investigation in connection with the supposed accidental killing of Vice Mayor Jimmy Chua last month.

Fariñas said the NBI in Manila had filed a complaint with the Department of Justice charging him with murder based on the testimony of Councilor Melvin de la Cuesta.

The mayor, however, said he has yet to receive a copy of the complaint.

"I am just wondering why the NBI filed a case of murder when De la Cuesta claimed that the vice mayor was accidentally shot," Fariñas told the INQUIRER by phone.

The mayor said he was expecting a complaint for homicide if De la Cuesta's narration of the supposed accidental shooting was to be believed.

"I welcome the filing of charges. This would give me an opportunity to clear my name," the mayor said.

He said he and his lawyers were waiting for the summons and copy of the complaint before he could answer the allegations.

Another charge

Reports said the NBI also filed a complaint against Supt. Joel Pagdilao, former Laoag City police chief, and 25 other police investigators and employees of a gasoline station and the Eagle's Bar and Restaurant for obstruction of justice.

The gasoline station and videoke bar are both owned by the mayor's uncle, Eric Fariñas, younger brother of former Ilocos Norte Rep. Rodolfo Fariñas.

De la Cuesta, who is under the NBI's witness protection program, has tagged Mayor Fariñas as having accidentally shot the vice mayor while they were inside the bar. He retracted his previous testimonies that hired guns were behind the murder.

The councilor earlier told police investigators that he saw a gunman, identified as "Steve" of Sinait, Ilocos Sur, shoot Chua in front of the bar and that another suspect was on board a motorcycle when the shooting took place.

Fariñas defended the city police against allegations of a cover-up.

He said the result of the initial investigation of the city police that were based on the earlier testimonies of De la Cuesta had never reached the Laoag City prosecutor's office after Senior Supt. Juan Luna Jr., Ilocos Norte police director, ordered the city police to hold the filing of the information.

Powerful clan

The mayor also blamed a powerful political clan in the province for De la Cuesta's turnaround.

Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. brushed aside allusions that the Marcoses instigated De la Cuesta to recant his earlier testimonies and instead blame Fariñas for the killing.

"It sounds implausible that somebody could have done this to manipulate the whole thing, so that he will be implicated," Marcos said, referring to Fariñas' previous statements that a political clan was instrumental in linking the mayor to the killing.

"I don't know who or what he is referring to. I just see it as a defense, a legal maneuver so they have an argument against it. Who will gain anything from doing this?" Marcos said.

The governor also denied reports he provided De la Cuesta temporary custody before the latter executed an affidavit with the NBI tagging Fariñas as behind the killing.

De la Cuesta had always been under the protective custody of the NBI after he and his family left the province last month, Marcos said.

Court upholds dismissal of Cadiz City school exec

BACOLOD CITY—The Court of Appeals has affirmed a decision of the Office of the Ombudsman in the Visayas dismissing from service Dr. Eutiquio Quiton, Cadiz City Schools Division superintendent, for grave misconduct for purchasing on behalf of his division pre-college assessment reviewers that he himself authored.

The CA also ordered the forfeiture of all Quiton's benefits and his perpetual disqualification from holding public office.

The CA, in its decision, said it found no irreversible error in the Ombudsman's decision and thus was dismissing the petition for review filed by Quiton for lack of merit.

The Ombudsman has earlier found Quiton guilty of grave misconduct for requesting the purchase of 740 National Secondary Achievement Test (NSAT) and 2,000 National Elementary Achievement Test (NEAT) reviewers.

He signed a purchase request on Oct. 2, 2000 and Aug. 18, 2000.

The Cadiz City government paid for the items, through its Special Education Fund, in the amount of P71,040 and P192,000, respectively.

The Ombudsman said this was done despite the fact that the Department of Education had given the schools division copies of NEAT and NSAT reviewers for free.

The Ombudsman cited Quiton for bad faith as the NEAT and NSAT reviewers paid for by the Cadiz City government were authored by him, causing unnecessary spending of the city's Special Education Fund. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Group lashes out at links with Pagcor, says target is 'jueteng'

AN ADVOCACY group formed to combat *jueteng* and other forms of illegal gambling vehemently denied yesterday allegations that it was working for the interest of a state-run gaming facility.

"It is unfortunately that our group is being branded as part of a PR (public relations) machinery of Pagcor (Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp.) We are waging this anti-gambling campaign simply to deliver the masses from the grip of gambling lords, and prevent the eventual decay of morality in our society," said Abel Dimaano, leader of the Konseho ng Bayan Laban sa Jueteng at mga Iligal na Pasugalan (Komalaban), in a press statement.

Dimaano challenged Batangas Rep. Hermilando Mandanas to substantiate his accusation, or step down from his post for publicly lying. "In fact, he should not have run at all (for Congress) for betraying his own people by endorsing a known gambling lord as his successor," he added.

Dimaano also lashed out at Batangas provincial administrator Ronaldo Geron for claiming that *jueteng* does not exist in his province. "If there is no *jueteng* in Batangas, why is there a need for Gov. Armando Sanchez to order the stoppage of *jueteng* operations in some towns."

"They can check from town to town and cities in Batangas. The accusation is definitely not true. In fact, there are towns like Bauan where the governor has ordered the *jueteng* operation to stop," Geron was quoted as saying earlier.

"As a lawyer, it is highly unlikely for Mr. Geron to make contradictory statements. But he just did by issuing that statement which can be viewed as an admission of the truth that there is, indeed, *jueteng* in Batangas," Dimaano noted.

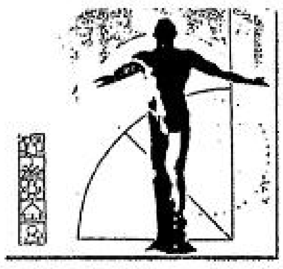
Komalaban, in a petition filed earlier with the House of Representatives, sought a congressional inquiry on the so-called "juetengate" as it implicated Mandanas and Sanchez in widescale *jueteng* operations in Batangas.

The petition described Sanchez as the "biggest gambling lord in the province who wields a fearsome combination of money and political power that can absolutely corrupt any person, and Mandanas as coddler.

Dimaano said *jueteng* money allowed its operators and coddlers to buy positions in government.

Mandanas has said the accusation against him could be part of a campaign by the Pagcor to discredit him.

"That's the Pagcor's funded PR (public relations) drive to discredit me because I was the one who filed a bill, followed by a resolution in Congress, to close them down because Pagcor's franchise is already expired," said Mandanas, Batangas second district congressman.



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Guardians of the mangrove paradise

MANGROVE trees at the Antonio's Mangroves Paradise in Barangay Lago, Glan, Sarangani. AQUILES ZONIO

By Aquiles Z. Zonio
Glan, Sarangani

"When one touches a flower, a star is disturbed."
—Francis Thompson

THEY left the comforts of their home in the urban center—for the love of nature.

That was six years ago when all five children of Aldrico Restauro, 64, and his wife Marina, 57, had already finished schooling.

They looked for a place where they can feel close to nature, breathe fresh air, and be away from the humdrum of an urban life.

"It came to a point when we felt bored living in the urban center. We decided to move out and find a tranquil place to spend the remaining years of our lives," Marina says.

Their chosen site is an ideal, if not a perfect, hideaway—a 1.3-hectare seaside lot situated just along the national highway leading to Glan, Sarangani, a 45-minute ride from the seaport city of General Santos. The property is part of Marina's inheritance from her late father, Antonio Jamero.

Marina recounted that the amazing mangrove trees were already fully grown when she first visited the area at a tender age with her father. Many people came to cut off branches for firewood; others cropped leaves for animal feed.

Mangroves, just like a biome, are important to the global ecosystem, but the Restauros admit that they were not aware of this. Instinct was dictating to them that they should stay to protect the area.

In one instance, they learned that nearby residents killed and feasted on a giant turtle they found in their property. The place has been identified as a spawning ground for endangered turtle species. In fact, in 1993, a 50-kilo Hawksbill turtle was captured there and released into the sea after being tagged for identification.

"We are here to protect the mangroves from destruction. Aside from being essential ecosystems for coastal areas, mangroves are protecting us from strong winds and waves," Marina says.

The Restauro couple has diverse business interests in Glan. Through sheer industry, patience and determination, the couple managed to put up a drugstore, gasoline station, pawnshop, car repair shop and a store selling native products.

But time has come when their love for nature transcended their passion for business.

When they came to the area sometime in February 1999, there was nothing to behold, except towering coconut trees along the shoreline and patches of mangrove trees in the "marine intertidal zone," proudly standing, surviving the tests of time.

Not for money

They started building a house and comfort room, then open cottages for beach goers.

Then came packs of excursionists, nature lovers and tourists.

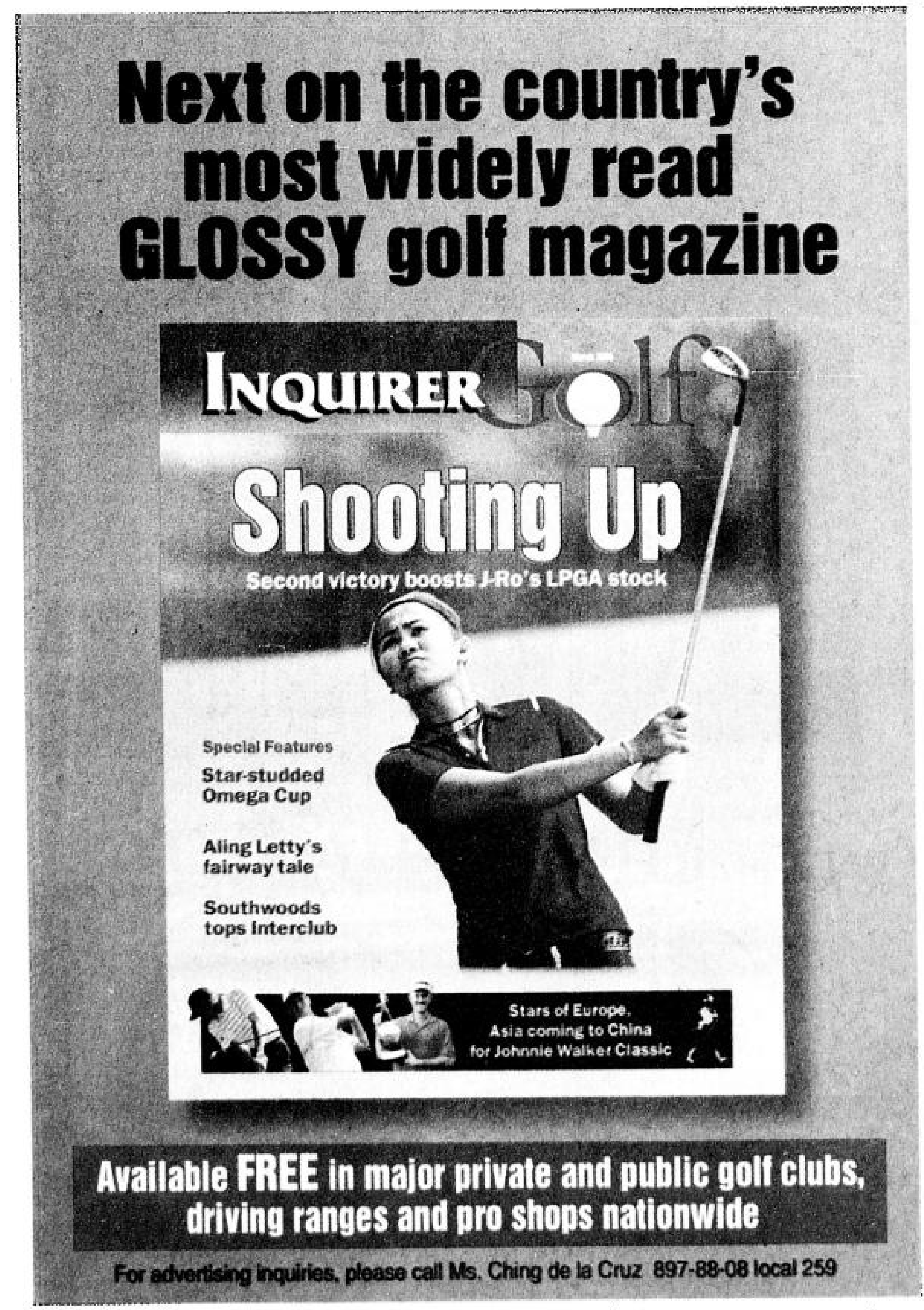
Through their own efforts, the couple introduced improvements in what is now called the Antonio's Mangroves Paradise. They built a canteen for catering, a conference hall for seminars, meetings and conferences, and a six-room cottage for overnight visitors and tourists.

What makes the couple happy, contented and comfortable is not the money, they say, but merely sitting on the shore, watching the consuming beauty of a setting sun.

Marina narrates that a Korean couple who stayed for a week preferred swinging on a hammock tied to mangrove trees more than staying in the cottage.

There is no entrance fee as the place was established not for money but primarily to preserve mangroves.

Beachcombers, tourists, excursionists and anybody visiting the place are advised not to litter, especially non-biodegradable items.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Water project unites lives, tribes in Sarangani village

By Joey R.B. Lozano
Malapatan, Sarangani

Hey... fne gu kalbong to, kamduh gito. Na tale ato slurok, tale ato stifun, banwe Lyeng. Ye el to di munan bong mawag bay ani ta mlani ye el.

Nanang ato dee du kuman mido nawa ato de kgalabek to

kalbong lagi kel de libon. Tanang ato kuman masdana n awa kamdu gito sen. Duen naman amda de mudu ni, e kafye nawa kalbong to.

(I call on those who care for us. Now we are all gathered here in Lyeng. Before, we hardly had water. Now it is within us. Men and women can already work with ease.

There'll be no more enmity among us. Beginning today, we can all live in harmony and peace.)

B'LAAN men, women and children haul materials for their water system. JOEY LOZANO

B'LAAN elders in their native garb. One of the few who remained in Lyeng because of water scarcity. JOEY LOZANO

B'LAAN elder Segundo Mustafa woke up early to meet the sunrise, sat beside a newly constructed water reservoir and intoned the above thanksgiving.

The place is Lyeng, a sitio of Barangay Sapu Masla, that overlooks the resource-rich Sarangani Bay.

Not that water had been scarce in the uplands of Malapatan. There still are the watersheds that had survived logging activities—legal or illegal—which accelerated with the entry of settlers in the early 1950s. In fact, Lyeng's reservoir is filled by a spring barely a kilometer away.

It is the enmity that has brewed among the town's residents—Maguindanaon, B'laan and settlers prior and after the declaration of martial law in 1972 that had frustrated initiatives to maintain a water source for the common good.

"Abuses and arrests even of the innocent by the military were rampant then. There was no alternative left for us but to bear arms. Armed, we can fight back," Sapu Masla village chief Jemin Sambaga, a former commander of the Moro National Liberation Front, said in the local dialect.

From 1971 to 1974, Sapu Masla was the scene of ethnic rivalries and the fiercest battle between local insurgents and government troops. The military occupied the area and declared it a "no man's land."

Tribesmen either joined the MNLF or the settlers' armed vigilantes called Ilaga headed by the notorious Manero brothers. The ensuing confrontations bred the animosity among Malapatan's population.

Water source

A favorite ambush area, then and in recent years, was any water source as it enticed protagonists to the site to draw a basic necessity for survival.

Deprived of a water source, most of Lyeng residents abandoned their farms and moved elsewhere, reducing their B'laan village of formerly more than 100 families to only 20.

Those who opted to stay had to draw water from a safer site that demanded almost a half-day round trip trek. And this, more often than not, has become an irritant to any family member tasked to draw water.

"I get mad when after a day's work in the farm, my wife tells me to fetch water," B'laan chief Bayani Lagutang complained in his native dialect.

"Tribe members can easily part with their chicken when someone passes by their village. Water? No. They hide it in their room," says village councilor Pahar Bahasuan who maintains a coconut plantation adjacent to Lyeng to underscore the value of water in the area.

Water as a cause of discord gradually waned when a local organization, the Sarangani Community Development Foundation, Inc. (Sarcodfi) introduced what it calls a "local capacities for peace" or LCP initiative. This basically calls for the enhancement of efforts that "connect" people and to shun away from those that "divide" them.

In Lyeng's case, water has become a "divider" between the settler, who owns the land where the spring is located, and others—both B'laan and Maguindanaon—who wanted to draw water from it. This was exacerbated by a history of violent disputes that had claimed lives from both.

Recognizing the indispensability of water, Sambaga who earlier had attended LCP workshops and seminars, sought for what could be a "connector." This he found in the traditional *dyandi*.

The *dyandi* is similar to what is commonly referred to as blood compact. In the early 1900s, B'laan and Maguindanaon chiefs of what is now known as Sarangani Province embraced this sacred ritual. It compels participating parties, including their descendants, to treat each other as brothers.

'Dyandi'

The succeeding years allowed the participation of settlers in the *dyandi*. This practice Sambaga invoked to reconcile, or "connect," the settler-landowner and those who wanted to draw water from the spring. The LCP approach worked.

But there was a hitch. Sarcodfi could only provide the materials for the construction of a water system, including the reservoir, for Lyeng. There was the problem of transporting them to a place unreachable by a four-wheel vehicle.

By then, the need for water has become a "connector" rather than a "divider." The landowner had agreed to the tapping of water from his area; the barangay council dominated by Maguindanaon approved a food-for-work scheme; and the B'laan went for the transport of materials—manually, and the construction of the water system.

B'laan schoolchildren carried with them small sandbags on their way back to Lyeng, while men and women carried water pipes on their shoulders. With minimal supervision, the spring development project was completed in record 27 days.

Mustafa had more than enough cause to rejoice with his chant this early morning. B'laan families have started to trek back to Lyeng to reunite with their bigger families. All because water is now within their community, and with a surplus for a small fishpond and for the maintenance of vegetable gardens during dry season.

Lyeng's case is but one of a number of projects wherein Sarcodfi had successfully employed the LCP approach.

Vice mayor Norberto Butiong concedes that the same approach had become the local government's guide in project implementation. "I highly recommend that this (LCP approach) be employed throughout the country or even outside," he enthused.

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Tarongoy wins reprieve

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Vigil in Mexico

While the Tarongoys agonized in Davao, Angelo, his family, relatives and neighbors held a vigil at their home in Mexico, Pampanga, to pray for the accountant's safety.

De la Cruz, who was saved from execution after President Macapagal-Arroyo caved in to the kidnappers' demands and ordered the pullout of Philippine troops from Iraq, now works as a truck driver for an oil company based at Clark.

The phone call to the DFA from Iraq came at around 4:20 a.m., roughly 20 minutes after the deadline set by Tarongoy's captors had expired.

Asuque's own vigil

Keeping vigil over Tarongoy's fate since Friday night, foreign affairs spokesperson Gilberto Asuque sent out text messages to reporters at around 5 a.m., announcing that the "deadline by Tarongoy's abductors is extended to an unspecified time."

In Baguio City, Ms Arroyo declined to talk at length about Tarongoy's case during a press conference after she addressed graduates of the Philippine Military Academy.

"The less we talk and write about Tarongoy, the better it will be for him," Ms Arroyo told reporters.

Prayers work

In a statement, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said: "We thank God for this reprieve. We will continue to exert utmost effort to bring him alive."

Malacañang urged the public to continue praying for Tarongoy.

"We call upon the whole nation to continue to pray for Roberto. We must keep our faith that he will survive this ordeal," Bunye said.

Neither Malacañang nor the DFA gave any reason for the kidnappers' relenting on their execution threat.

'Bobby is all right'

Asuque said Foreign Undersecretary Rafael Seguis, who is leading efforts in Iraq to contact the abductors through various channels, broke the news in a phone call to Manila.

Asuque said that as per Sequis' report, Tarongoy "remained all right" and that "the extension is a good indication that our message is getting to the abductors."

Seguis continued to establish communication with the abductors through intermediaries, he said.

SAVING Robert Tarongoy: Migrante International makes use of the extension granted by his Iraqi abductors to push a frenzied campaign to release him. JOAN BONDOC

Two demands

Around 4 a.m. of March 8, Manila time, (11 p.m. of March 7 in Doha), a video showing Tarongoy in an orange outfit—a sign that he could be nearing execution—pleading for the government's help was aired by the Qatar-based Al Jazeera Arab TV network.

Diplomats who saw the video said it also conveyed the hostage-takers' four-day ultimatum and their two new demands: That the Philippines withdraw Filipino workers from Iraq and cut military cooperation with the United States in that country.

The abductors had earlier demanded a $10-million ransom for Tarongoy's release.

Plea to kidnappers

The accountant was one of six foreign workers in Iraq who were seized by the militants on Nov. 1 last year.

Asuque said Sequis and his team would continue explaining to the abductors that the Philippines was no longer militarily involved in Iraq and that Filipinos had entered that country just to find work, despite a government ban.

"There is nothing in Baghdad that we can give up," he said.

In Davao, Tarongoy's father Tomas said he and his family had not had any sleep since they learned of the hostage-takers' March 12 ultimatum.

"We did not sleep. We were praying while watching the television with the hope that the deadline would be extended," Tomas said in the vernacular.

A thorn removed

He said that at around 4:10 a.m. yesterday, his daughter-in-law and Robert's wife, Ivy Grace, phoned them to relay the news that the deadline had been extended.

Tomas said his family literally leaped with joy.

"It seemed like a thorn was removed from us when we heard of the news from Ivy Grace," he said.

Tomas said that in thanksgiving, his entire family, relatives, neighbors and friends prayed the rosary.

The Tarongoy family has a reputation for being religious.

'God won't leave Bobby'

"I have high hopes that God would not abandon Bobby because he is a nice son and husband. I am asking his kidnappers to free him because he has done no wrong," Tomas said.

The rosary done, Tarongoy's mother, Isabelita, finally fell asleep.

On Friday, Tarongoy's parents sent a one-page letter to Ms Arroyo urging her to give in to the demands of their son's captors.

Tarongoy, an accountant for a Saudi company that does catering for the Iraqi army, was kidnapped on Nov. 1 along with American Roy Hallums from their office in Baghdad's Mansour district.

The Iraqi militants also snatched a Nepalese and three Iraqis.

All the victims, except for Tarongoy and the American, have been been freed. *With reports from Vincent Cabreza and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

NBI: Pesticide mistaken for flour may have killed kids in Bohol

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vendors herself.

NBI experts in Bohol were hopeful they would be able to crack the mystery of the food poisoning shortly.

"Hopefully, by Monday or Tuesday, [it will be] solved," said lawyer Rene Mandawe, unit head of the NBI in Central Visayas.

Boy, 7, exhumed

Mandawe's optimism was bolstered when the family of Sherwin Asas, 7, agreed to have the boy's body exhumed for an autopsy.

"Most of the family members refused to allow any autopsy because of their mistaken belief that the body would be cut into pieces," Mandawe said.

The NBI team, which included Dr. Rene Cam, a medico-legal officer, and Rommel Paglinawan, a forensic chemist, had also performed an autopsy on the body of Wilfredo Luyong Jr., 7.

But there was a need for another body because Luyong's had already been embalmed.

Asas' body was exhumed at 8 a.m. yesterday.

Working diagnosis

He was among the 12 children buried at the San Jose public cemetery on Thursday, a day after they died of food poisoning.

Mandawe said his team needed to look at the victims' stomach contents to determine what poisonous substance killed them.

According to physicians, victims of cyanide poisoning look like they are being choked or strangled, a symptom not observed among the San Jose casualties.

Victims of rat poisoning, on the other hand, usually experience bleeding or hemorrhage, which also was not detected among the victims in Mabini.

Mandawe said organophosphate poisoning (OPP), caused by pesticides, was being looked at because of the presence of oil palm and cassava plantations and rice fields in the area.

Officials at the Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital (GMPH) in Talibon town said the victims that were brought there had responded to treatment for OPP.

"I cannot really tell, but that is our working diagnosis," said Dr. Harold Gallego, GMPH chief.

Solons deny neglect

Two congressmen from Bohol denied the claims of victims' parents that they had neglected the hospitals in their districts.

Some parents had blamed the lack of facilities in the hospitals in Ubay and Talibon for the deaths of their children.

The parents said congressmen insisted on keeping their pork barrel funds yet failed to help upgrade hospital facilities.

Ubay and Talibon are in the district of Rep. Roberto Cajes while Mabini is in the district of Rep. Eladio Jala.

Cajes and Jala said they could not give all their pork barrel for health services since they also had to fund infrastructure projects.

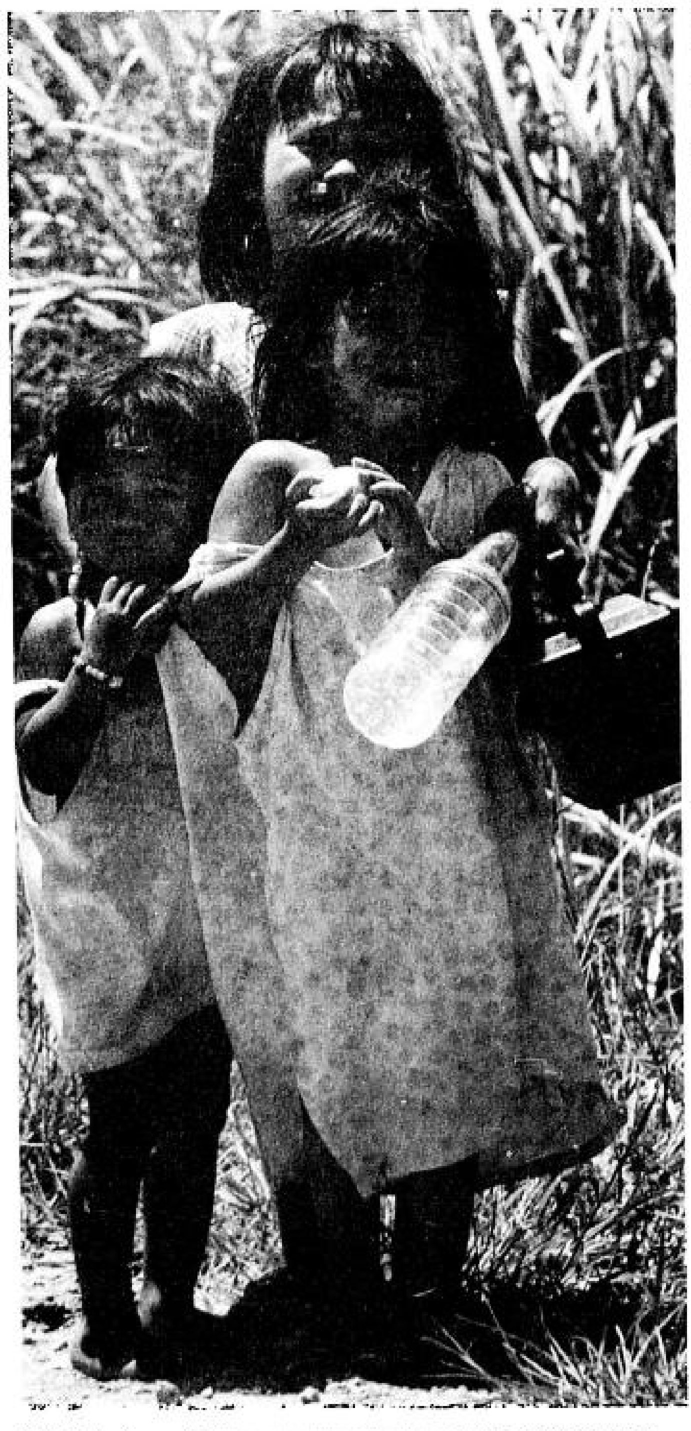
They also said they usually allocated their health funds to the Gov. Celestino Gallares Hospital in Tagbilaran because most of the patients from the different towns were brought there.

2 more in Cotabato

The Bohol tragedy may have scared some people into avoiding cassava but for a Maguindanaon couple in Cotabato City, hunger was more fearsome.

On Friday, Nashrudin Salem and his wife Fatima were rushed to a hospital after eating boiled cassava for lunch.

Medical findings on what caused the couple's sickness were not immediately available. *With reports from Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau, Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



TEARS for fears: Children mourn as a procession of coffins bearing the remains of six schoolchildren, who died from food poisoning, winds its way toward the cemetery in San Jose, Bohol. REUTERS

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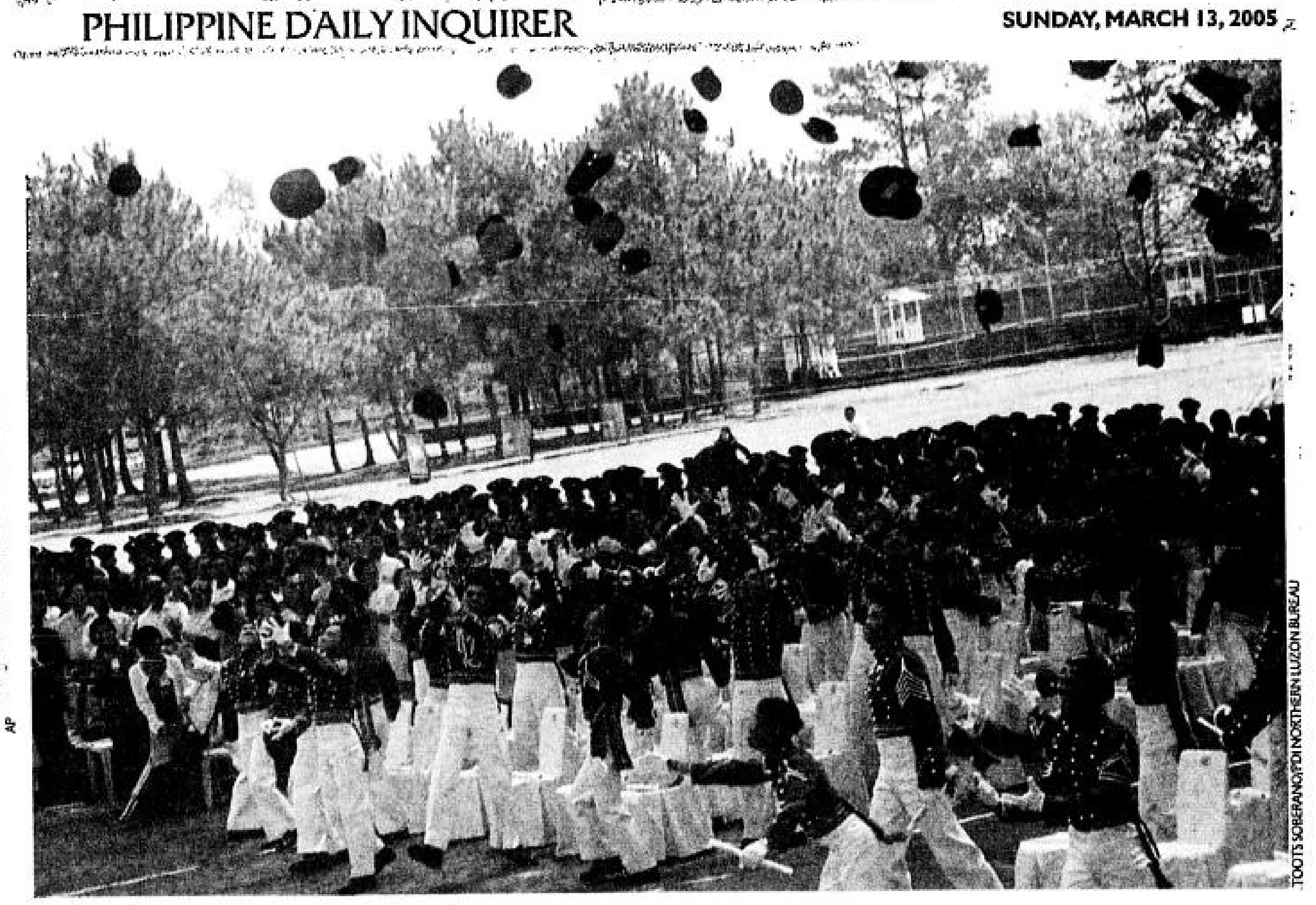
THE PRESIDENTIAL Saber goes to now 2nd Lt. Brian Rayton, the "Sanlingan" Class valedictorian, during graduation rites at Fort del Pilar Baguio City on Saturday. The son of a retired Air Force officer, Rayton said in his valedictory that every action in the PMA was a duty, including eating and sleeping.



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GOODBYE to all that: The traditional hurling of the "shaku."

PMA class 'goat' bottoms out

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lost in the shuffle here on Saturday, after PMA officials decided to call up the graduates alphabetically, instead of by their class ranking.

"Goats" are cadets who graduate at the bottom of their class.

This slight alteration in tradition for the PMA "Sanlingan" Class of 2005 was part of the PMA's image reforms, a PMA official said.

15 minutes of fame

The academy will start highlighting its best, and "no longer its worst," removing the tradition that would have given newly appointed Army 2nd Lt. Omar Dubal of Manila his 15 minutes of fame like previous goats.

Dubal joined 149 "Sanlingan" class members in a sit-down graduation ceremony under a large parachute tent at Borromeo Field here.

The corps of cadets traditionally pays tribute to the class goats by tolerating their outrageous antics during graduation, partly in recognition of the hard road they took to finish their course and become military officials.

The goats of previous graduations danced or declaimed on stage.

The last goat to "perform" before the public belonged to PMA "Banyuhay" Class of 2002, who reportedly upstaged President Macapagal-Arroyo and the class valedictorian by reading his own "valedictory address" about the ills of society.

Ms Arroyo immediately assigned Army 2nd Lt. Gregory Inumpa Jr., who ranked 138th in his class, to Basilan, in what appeared to be a mocking response to the goat's antics.

"The goat had been given undue significance and notoriety in the past. The goats have gone to the subconscious of the audience that the people now look forward to [exploiting the goat during graduation]," Maj. Edgard Arevalo, PMA spokesperson, said.

Wanted: PMA recruits

In fact, goats had given birth to so many PMA myths which later became part of military lore.

One such myth gave Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, former Armed Forces chief of staff and member of PMA Class 1961, the title of PMA's most outstanding goat, although the senator himself never got this dubious rank, according to PMA records.

The PMA's key concern is the slow but steady slide in the number of academy recruits and graduates since 2002, Arevalo said. He traced this to the academy's dwindling public exposure.

He said budgetary cuts forced the PMA to reduce the cadets' ceremonial presence during national events, including an annual trek to Southern Luzon where they make their recruitment campaigns.

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DUNKING of new graduates into the pool, a playful and time-honored tradition, the kind of stuff that make up the memories of life in the PMA.

Dubal was never formally introduced as the goat. He avoided reporters after the ceremony. Only a few reporters were alerted to his rank in the class.

Compared to Dubal, Air Force Lt. Brian Rayton, "Sanlingan Class" valedictorian, was pushed into the limelight.

Formerly normal

His valedictory address, however, was subdued and non-political.

"When I was a plebe, I was normal," he said, detailing how his rise to the top involved losing himself in "temporal confusion" just like every freshman cadet.

He said cadet life was different from the mainstream university student's because every action at PMA was "a duty."

"Eating [at the mess hall] is a duty ... even sleeping at certain hours is a duty," he said.

Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. said these cadets were compelled to take 27.5 units each semester, on top of their rigorous physical training and routine duties.

Raul Rayton, Brian's father and a retired Air Force officer, said his son was more than prepared for the grueling PMA routines.

"When he decided to join the PMA, we supported him. I am not afraid of whatever may happen to him. We are prepared for anything," he said.

Kalinga woman in top 10

The first Kalinga woman to land in the top 10 of the graduating class is now preparing for the ritual butchering of carabaos that will be part of a cañao (feast) in her honor when she returns to her hometown of Tabuk.

Air Force Lt. Marjorie Mukay, who ranked 10th in the class, was greeted by her mother, Maria, and her relatives, who endured the 12-hour trek from Tabuk to see her graduate.

"I am very thankful and so happy for my daughter. Even though she did not become a doctor, she was able to graduate at the top of her class in a military school," she said.

Join PMA

"Life has been hard for us because we are poor. But now we know that she is prepared for her new life. She chose this and we support her. I want to encourage other Cordillerans to join the PMA," Mukay's mother, a farmer, said.

Top cop in love in the time of terror and kidnaps

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PNP Director General Edgar Aglipay.

As most love stories go, boy (a widower) meets girl (a single mother), he woos her—and love blossoms.

Not that it was easy going right from the start.

"*Paano ka maliligawan dito* (How can anyone court you) when this is the most secure office in Camp Crame?" a senior superintendent on Ebdane's staff was once heard exclaiming on seeing a bunch of roses on Cantero's table.

Cantero, a graduate of the University of the Philippines, was said to have responded with a giggle.

Despite the age gap—he's in his 50's, she's in her 40's—Cantero noticed that she shared with Lomibao not only a passion for books and coffee but also a dedication to work, which often meant canceled vacations, staying late at the office and keeping one's cell phone on throughout the night.

The courtship progressed with a "little help" from the boss.

"Ebdane played the matchmaker, actually," a PNP director said with a laugh.

Small talk

Lomibao's special attention to Cantero did not go unnoticed by his staff at the Office of the Directorate for Intelligence.

"Do you know that sir is courting someone?" a superintendent teased Cantero after a staff meeting with Lomibao. Again, she just giggled.

At one point, boy asked girl to lunch. She declined, but later told a friend that she felt sad at the same time. "I wanted to take it back," she said.

Lomibao eventually made it a habit to come around to Cantero's table around lunchtime, or soon after, for a cup of coffee and small talk that got lengthier by the day.

The courtship came as a surprise to Cantero's officemates. But somehow, they never failed to leave their seats and disappear into the walls every time the PNP deputy director general sauntered in.

THE DAY that he was promoted last week to three-star general, PNP Deputy Director Arturo Lomibao sported a three-star smile. But now it can be told: There are other life-altering reasons behind that smile. PDI PHOTO

Writing in "Speak Up, Woman," a compilation of essays on living, loving, leaving and learning by the Maryknoll (now Miriam) College High School Batch '80, Cantero said working at the PNP gave her insights on life in the police organization.

Rose among the stars

"Working with officers and men has meant waiting for your turn to speak your mind, usually after the men have aired the first round of comments," she wrote in her essay, "Shattering the Glass Ceiling."

Cantero started working with Ebdane at NKTAF in 2000.

She became his speechwriter and a member of his personal staff after his appointment as PNP chief in 2002, and quit her job when his term ended last year.

'Invisible'

Cantero said she adapted to the police culture by wearing shapeless clothes in gray, black and white that made her "invisible."

But not so invisible as to escape Lomibao's eye.

"Among the myriad developments that have happened because of my being the only rose among the stars, I count the self-discovery and the greater appreciation of my femininity as twin bonuses to compensate for all the late nights, hardships and uncertainties that came with the job," Cantero wrote.

"Of course, the best thing was meeting the man who asked me to be his wife," she wrote.

As the song goes, that's *amore*. An INQUIRER source in Camp Crame said wedding bells would most likely be ringing before Lomibao's 55th birthday on July 4.

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‘Free valet no excuse for lost car’

By Armand N. Nocum

THE SUPREME Court has ruled that restaurant chain Triple-V Food Services Inc., which owns Kamayan, cannot offer free valet service and not be liable for the car.

In a seven-page resolution, the High Court's third division said Triple-V was liable for the loss of a Mitsubishi Galant deposited by Mary Jo-Anne de Asis of Crispa Textile Inc. at the Kamayan Restaurant on West Avenue, Quezon City.

"When De Asis entrusted the car to the restaurant's valet attendant, she expected the car's safe return at the end of her meal. Thus, petitioner was constituted as a depository of the same car," the high tribunal said in a resolution denying Triple-V's petition not to be held responsible for the car's loss.

Triple-V brought the matter to the court claiming that although a diner avails of its free valet parking service, there is no contract, deposit or insurance for the safety of the car.

The case stemmed from a damage suit filed against Triple-V before the Makati Regional Trial Court by the Filipino Merchants Insurance Company Inc. which paid for the car's loss.

The Makati RTC had ruled in favor of the insurance firm. The Court of Appeals affirmed the RTC's decision.

‘No responsibility’

In a Feb. 21 decision released to the press Friday night, the Supreme Court brushed aside the restaurant chain's claim that under the terms of the valet parking stub, the restaurant was not responsible for any loss or damage to the vehicle and that by availing of the service, De Asis had waived her right to claim indemnity.

The High Court said the parking claim stub was "a contract of adhesion prepared by the company with no participation from the customers, who merely adhered to the stipulations."

Triple-V could not be allowed to use this stipulation as a shield from liability, it said.

"While contracts of adhesion are not void in themselves, this court will not hesitate to rule out blind adherence thereto if they prove to be one-sided under the attendant facts and circumstances," the court said.

It also noted that the free valet service was a form of enticement assuring customers their vehicles would be safe and within the restaurant's vicinity, rather than parked elsewhere at their own risk.

Having entrusted the car to Triple-V's valet attendant, De Asis, like all of the restaurant's customers, fully expected the security of her car while in the designated parking area and its safe return at the end of her visit, the court said.

Councilor seeks fair chance for grads

By DJ Yap

OUT OF nearly 400,000 who will finish college nationwide this March, don't limit your choices to just UP or Ateneo graduates.

A Quezon City councilor made this appeal to employers in the city, urging these not to discriminate against graduates of non-prestigious schools when hiring employees.

Councilor Resty Malañgen authored a resolution asking Quezon City businessmen not to choose based only on the school jobseekers had attended.

Malañgen observed that many employers preferred graduates of the "top four or five" universities in the country.

In a job fair sponsored by the Quezon City government last year, most of those called back for interview and eventually hired were graduates of prestigious schools, he noted.

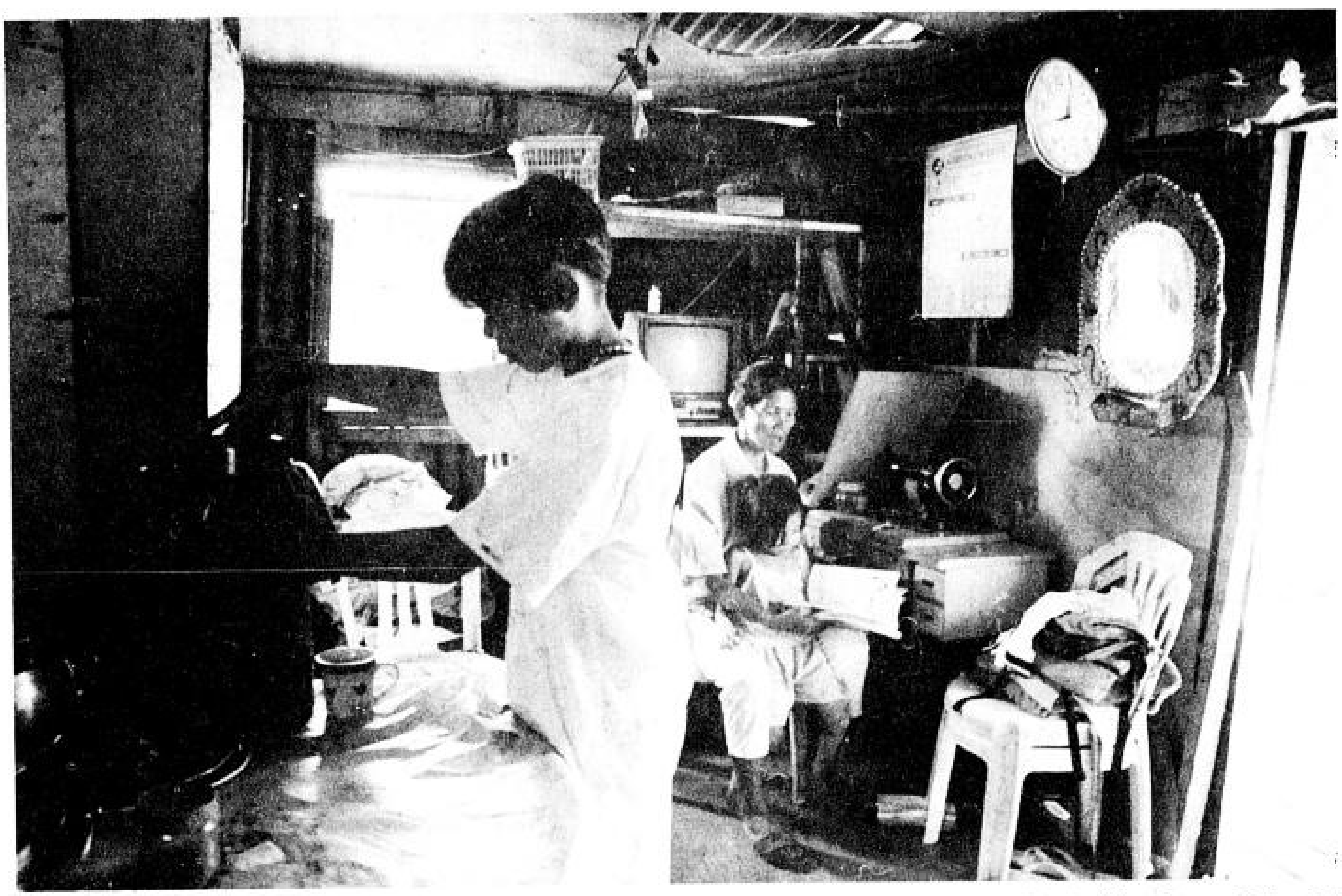
Many job seekers who came all the way from the provinces were left out, he added.

Some of the disappointed job seekers told him that almost all of the 25 job placement agencies sought out graduates of the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University and De La Salle University.

Malañgen said businesses should hire employees according to merit and qualifications.

At the same time, the councilor also urged employers not to discriminate against older applicants, who also become subject to what he called "social prejudice."

"It is important to give our eager workforce a chance to prove themselves," he said.



THE PHILIPPINE Business for Social Progress is implementing **STEP-UP** (Strategic Private Sector Partnerships for Urban Poverty Reduction) which aims to reach out and help improve the lives of urban poor households from 28 communities in eight cities of Metro Manila. Members of the community from Catmon, Malabon, like the family in the picture will benefit from its housing program. JOSEPH AGCAOILI

Hope floats in Malabon ...

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ment," Nemeño said, as she showed the INQUIRER around her temporary house.

There was nothing much on the first floor, except an old wooden lounge chair and a basket of dirty clothes. On one corner was a small bathroom, with only a piece of plywood as wall.

The second floor was rather full. An old television set was placed on one side of the room, so the family could watch as they had their meals at the dining table. A plastic cabinet was placed against a wall, adorned with framed pictures of Nemeño's children.

She didn't forget to show her prized sewing machine.

"I really have many plans after we finish building our house. I plan to have a mini *sari-sari* store and continue sewing clothes that I could sell," she told the INQUIRER.

She said she would like to help her husband, who drove a taxi for a living. Nemeño also planned to sell vegetables in Balintawak market when she had extra money and time.

Though there was much work that still needed to be done, there was a spark of hope in Nemeño's eyes. After all, in just a couple of years or even less she would achieve a life-long dream.

Dream come true

In Sitio Dormitory, Brgy. Nagkaisang Nayon, Novaliches, Quezon City, residents are already seeing their dream come true. In fact, they could not quite believe that they were able to turn a 9,509-square meter grassland into an established community.

"What you see now are the fruits of our dream, a dream we never thought we would realize," Ka Ping Fampulme, president of the barangay's Nabigla Po Homeowners Association, said in Filipino to representatives of PBSP member-companies during a project site visit the other day.

Barangay Nagkaisang Nayon is one of the sites where STEP-UP is being implemented.

STEP-UP also has projects in Caloocan, Navotas, Muntinlupa, Marikina, Pasig and Taguig.

In 1994, houses in Sitio Dormitory were demolished for three consecutive days. When the demolition ended, only 40 of the 160 houses in the community were left.

"If it didn't rain, all of the houses would have been destroyed," Fampulme said.

No fear

But, through the STEP-UP project and the solidarity of the association, the community no longer faces the threat of demolition. The *sitio*'s residents, like those in Catmon, Malabon City, were also awarded land titles.

After four years, the site that used to be a *kangkong* plantation, now boasts of neat houses built along a well-paved road. Drainage has been installed.

"We feel safe now unlike before (when) we always worried about going back to a demolished home after a day's work," chair Clarita Magbatay, 45, told the INQUIRER.

"I used to live in a shanty with my family," she said.

Uniformed men watched over them like hawks day and night some 11 years ago, Magbatay recalled.

She also talked about how difficult it was when typhoons came. Their houses, being of light materials, were readily destroyed.

"We had a hard time fixing them because the noise (would) attract the security guards and they would confront us," Magbatay said. She added that sometimes, they had to wrap the hammer in a cloth to muffle the sound.

Now they have no reason to worry. Although the community has still a lot of concerns, like their water supply which is being rationed everyday and the lack of electricity in some houses, the community is much more optimistic.

Magbatay is more motivated to sell kitchen ware in the metropolis and even in nearby provinces to earn enough to finish building her house.

"I like light colors, so mint green would be the color of my house," she told the INQUIRER. She said when they finally had a stable water supply, she would buy lots of plants for her front yard.

Arroceros forest park to echo with song

IN AN EFFORT to draw the youth into discovering and helping protect a patch of nature in the heart of Manila's concrete jungle, caretakers of the Arroceros forest park will be playing host to singer Paolo Santos today.

Santos, who hit the Philippine music scene with his acoustic renditions, will talk about his craft and career at the forest park from 2 p.m. He will also sing and play, and take questions.

His talk is the first in a series being organized by the Winner Foundation, Inc., the all-woman organization that built and now also nurtures the 3,000-tree park, the only one of its kind in the city. The series is open to the public for free.

"The idea behind it," according to Regina Paterno, foundation president, "is two-fold: side education and environmental promotion; and naturally, in Paolo's case especially, some entertainment, too.

Young target

"And since our intended audience and beneficiaries are young people, we thought Paolo a strong choice to launch the series," she said.

Paolo arrived in the scene about three years ago and has since brought out three albums, each landing at the top of the charts. A fourth is expected to come out this month.

Although a familiar face and sound, he is little known in other respects. His career shifts and development as a musician are themselves unusual and possibly inspiring.

Although he has been playing the guitar and singing self-accompanied since his pre-teenage years, he has done both by ear, learning on his own by reading, listening, watching, and then, doing.

He had his own fears about taking a career in music, having been fed by elders too many stories of disappointments and penury among musicians.

Much more about his story remains untold, and Paolo himself is expected to fill in his audience in his talk at the park.

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Awards for top QC employees sought

MODEL employees in Quezon City have more reason to do work. Councilors have proposed an annual search to recognize outstanding city workers. Eight councilors are proposing incentives to deserving employees to "inspire, encourage and motivate" other employees to improve their performance. In the proposal, 10 private employees and 10 City Hall workers would be chosen on the basis of the following criteria: civic consciousness, attendance, productivity and efficiency, work attitude, extraordinary contribution to their employer, and family and personal background. *D.J .Yap*

‘Handog Beinte’ job fair kicks off

THE OFFICE of Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista invites residents of Quezon City to its "Handog Beinte Pasasalamat" to be held at the Quezon City Hall covered walk on March 14. Bautista said his office had lined up people-oriented activities and services that include a job fair and scholarship and livelihood grants to poor residents. The activities commemorating Bautista's 20th year in public service will include free haircuts, free dental services and free anti-rabies vaccination. It will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Gabriel Bernardo lecture series

THE UP Institute of Library and Information Science, in cooperation with the UP Library Science Alunmi Association, UP Student Council and the Philippine Group of Law Librarians, is inviting the public to the 26th Gabriel A. Bernardo Memorial Lecture Series on Friday, March 18, at 9 a.m., at the College of Law, Malcolm Theater in UP Diliman. The theme for this year is "Law and Information Technology," to be given by Hon. Justice Antonio T. Carpio, Supreme Court associate justice and chair of the committee on library, records management, legal research and printing. The lecture series is held yearly in honor of Prof. Garbriel Bernardo, the father of Philippine librarianship. He devoted his life to the development of librarianship and training of hundreds of Filipino librarians. Interested parties may call the Institute of Library and Information Science at 9205301, loc. 6751, and 9818500, loc. 2869 and 2872. Or e-mail josefina.cervas@up.edu.ph or zorina.franco@up.edu.ph.

City welcomes summer with splash on Manila Bay

A LOW-FLYING plane catches the eye of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza as he prepares to fire the opening gun for the dragon boat races, the highlight of the First Manila Bay Festival. The city government intends to use the festival as a come-on for tourists looking for a place to spend the summer. REM ZAMORA

By Tina G. Santos

THE BAYWALK on Roxas Boulevard, Manila, yesterday was filled not only with health buffs doing their daily routine but also with tanned men and women with a passion for Dragon Boat Racing.

The races were among the highlights of the opening of the two-day First Manila Bay Festival, a nautical fiesta which aims to make the city a prime summer destination.

Throngs of families as well as curious tourists watched as Mayor Lito Atienza flagged off the dragon boat races in the early morning ceremony known as "awakening of the dragon."

In this time-honored, worldwide ritual, the racers painted the eyes of the dragonhead on their boats immediately before the competition believing that this will awaken the mythical creature to wage battle.

At least 16 teams from the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation and its affiliate clubs, participated in the dragon boat race.

Categories of the race included the Men's and Women's Open.

In the men's category, each boat consisting of 22 paddlers, one drummer and one steersman ran a course of 500 meters. In the women's category, however, each boat consisting of 16 paddlers, one drummer and one steersman ran a course measuring 300 meters.

In the Men's Open, the Men's National Team, who won gold and silver in the last Vietnam Sea Games and silver in the World Dragon boat Championship, won first place. The Navy team and Pyros won second and third place, respectively.

In the Women's Open, the Womens' National Team won first place, Manila Dragon won second and Philippine Dragon Rowing Team came in third.

In the afternoon, 48 bancas (motorboats) stepped into the limelight as they went head-to-head through a water slalom course for the elimination round.

The final round of the Bancathon resumes today followed by the awarding of winners.

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Water lack in Parañaque City may be thing of the past with project

By Jocelyn R. Uy

PARAÑAQUE City residents would soon bid goodbye to water rationing.

The pilot unit of the water reclamation and recycling project of the local government is set to be installed in one of the city's upscale subdivisions, if the local government can get the agreement of the village's officials.

Mayor Florencio Bernabe proposed the project in a meeting recently with BF Homes chair Bobby Aguirre and production division vice president Fernando Javier.

The unit was planned to be installed at the creek area along President's Avenue in BF Homes.

If the pilot unit proved to be viable, Bernabe felt the system could be the solution to the persistent shortage of potable water in a number of subdivisions and villages in the city.

Waterless

"Right now, there are large waterless (areas) in the city... residents have to buy water from tankers for their household needs and even for drinking," Bernabe said.

When the Metropolitan Water Sewerage System named earlier Maynilad Water as the Western Zone's service provider, the local government expected that it would solve the city's water shortage problem.

"It did solve the problem but only partially," said Bernabe.

Jose Antonio Soler, president of the Solerex Environmental Systems that proposed the project, assured Bernabe the plan would not cost the city government anything.

"We also want to assure Mayor Bernabe that our system and treatment methods are really workable and that we can achieve the desired quality of water," Soler said.

When the subdivision officials agree to the proposal and Bernabe gives the go-ahead, Solerex would mobilize the unit within two weeks.

Soler added that depending on the volume and quality of water, the pilot system, which would be operated for a month, could produce 3,000 gallons per day.

Hope floats in Malabon garbage dump

By Jocelyn R. Uy

A JOLLY *videoke* song seemed inappropriate for the scene in Barangay Catmon, Malabon City. Heaps of garbage competed for space with the barangay's makeshift houses.

But the residents, like 46-year-old Rosana Nemeño, had every reason to be upbeat like the song.

"We are almost close to fulfilling our dreams of having our own house and a peaceful environment," Nemeño told the INQUIRER in Filipino.

In just a couple more years, their land that used to be filled with the city's trash will be completely rehabilitated into a community of some 661 households.

Malabon is one of the eight cities in Metro Manila where the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), a nonprofit corporate-led foundation, is currently implementing an integrated urban poverty reduction program called the Strategic Private Sector Partnerships for Urban Reduction Program, or STEP-UP.

Partnership

The STEP-UP project seeks to help improve the living conditions in 23 selected poor communities in eight municipalities in Metro Manila through a partnership with a community and PBSP's member-companies.

Under the project, the beneficiary household gets a piece of land that it amortizes under the community mortgage plan.

Monthly payments are between P411 to P530.

Homeowners may also avail of a P70,000 loan.

"The P70,000... is only for the house or home improvements. That's the maximum loan (available). (Beneficiaries) could (borrow less) than that depending on real need and [their] capacity to pay," said Chet Palma, project coordinator for Membership and Corporate Involvement Program of PBSP's Luzon Regional Operations.

Building materials

Beneficiaries will also get materials needed for building their houses from the nonprofit organization's affiliated companies.

"Little by little, our place is getting better," Nemeño said, glowing with excitement.

At present, roads and drainage are being installed in Catmon. Residents have been asked to tear down their houses and rebuild on the space allotted to them.

"My house has already been moved," Nemeño said, pointing to the spot where her makeshift two-story house now stands.

A few feet away, children and women, with their shovels, scampered toward the fresh earth unloaded by a truck and started covering the garbage that still remained.

The mounds of soil were a good omen for the residents, Nemeño said. To them, they meant that they were on their way to creating a totally new image of their community.

A swamp

Barangay Catmon was a swampy area when Nemeño came to the place 11 years ago. In 1999, it became a dumpsite, making it almost unbearable for Nemeño and her neighbors during the rainy season.

"When it rained, the stench from the garbage dump even became stronger and the mud was really dangerous. It could suck you down," she said. The community, she added, had to make an improvised bridge to avoid the mud.

Life during those times became even harder, she said.

She and her family would squeeze into a small mosquito net during mealtime to keep big flies away from their food.

Nemeño also lost her makeshift house five times during ferocious storms that hit the city. Every time it happened, they had to run to the nearest school for shelter, she said.

"But I told myself to bear with our situation because help (might eventually) come to us," she said.

Her perseverance paid off.

Her family, who used to live in a house made of scrap materials and weather-beaten lumber, would finally have more sturdy accommodations with the help of the STEP-UP project.

Construction of the Catmon houses would be in full swing after the roads and drainage are completed.

Simple dream

"I am not asking for too much. What I really dream of is to have a simple life and to provide my children with a healthy environ-

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Pacquiao scores big

RP hero gets his tested knockout gloves

By Recah Trinidad

LOS ANGELES—-The choice of gloves, perceived to put the Philippine side at a disadvantage, was quietly resolved in favor of Manny Pacquiao when the Filipino boxing superstar was allowed to use the fight gear of his preference.

After some apprehensions, Pacquiao got the signal to don the Mexican-made Cleto Reyes brand that he has worn in all his fights in the United States starting in 2001.

Morales will put on his favorite Winnings, supposed to be better padded at the knuckle.

Pacquiao would not admit it, but he had been bothered by reports that he too would be required to use the gloves of Morales' choice.

Team Pacquiao felt the thicker pads of Winnings could've lessened the impact of Pacquiao's feared power punches.

Naturally, Pacquiao was gladdened when told by trainer Freddie Roach that the Nevada State Athletic Commission had allowed the two fighters in the March 19 main event to pick their own gloves.

Relieved, the celebrated RP knockout artist was twice as bubbly and energetic as he went through his rigorous gym drills yesterday.

It would have been an entirely different story if Morales were still a champion.

"We would have had no choice but also put on Winnings, but Morales is not the champ here, he cannot dictate," explained Roach.

Pacquiao's business manager, Rod Nazario, said he had to send for a pair of Winnings gloves which his fighter had to test for two days.

"It cost us $135 dollars, not cheap," Roach explained.

Roach surmised Morales had insisted on the Winnings brand because the Mexican warrior needed more cushion for his overworked hands.

Journalist Winchell Campos, who first got wind of the problem, had requested that the issue be kept from Pacquiao to save the fighter unnecessary worry.

There were fears Murad Muhammad, Pacquiao's US promoter, had inadvertently signed an agreement decreeing the uniform use of Winnings gloves for the two main combatants.

Roach said he was very thankful that Marc Ratner, Nevada State Boxing Commissioner, has agreed to give Pacquiao his rightful choice.

"*Maski ano naman ang gamitin basta magkatimbang* (Any gloves of

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PACQUIAO works on speed bag.

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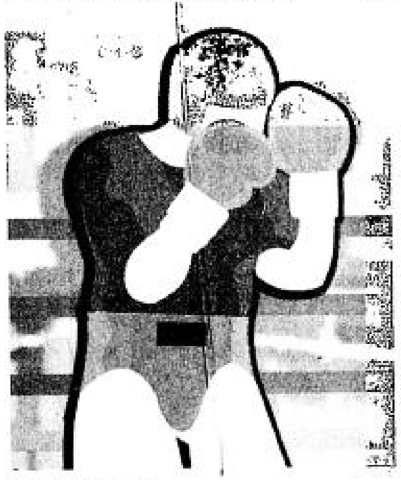
Navarrete victim Edwards tells Morales to run



BOZA Edwards

By Recah Trinidad

THE AFRICAN fighter whom Roland Navarrete had stopped and dethroned in Italy feels Manny Pacquiao would win his next big fight in Las Vegas because he's "quick like a lightning strike."

Cornelius Boza Edwards, knocked out by the Bad Boy from Dadiangas for the world junior lightweight boxing title in 1981, dropped by at the Wild Card Gym yesterday and left profuse with praises for Pacquiao.

He noted that Pacquiao packs a similarly lethal left hand like Navarrete's.

"He's also a strong, sharp puncher, and definitely much, much quicker than Navarrete," Edwards, bubbly and fit, said of Pacquiao.

He said the Pacquiao-Morales encounter should be very interesting but stressed the RP boxing hero would be very hard to contain.

"The other guy is taller but the speed and accuracy of your guy is phenomenal," said Edwards. "I mean he's like a lightning strike, he's got that terrific hand-speed of the southpaw."

He said southpaws are very confusing, as attested by his fall against Navarrete.

"You look at them, you try to figure them out, then you get hit, bang!," Edwards tried to explain in awe.

But isn't Morales supposed to be very seasoned, more skillful?

"Yeah, but don't forget, Morales is a guy who wants to get involved in a war, similar to what I was."

What would you advice Morales, instead?

"I would tell him to run, run and eventually figure out Pacquiao. Problem. Pacquiao is very hard to figure out. That's why Barrera got into trouble. He was sizing up Manny then, bang! He was down."

Edwards, father to three daughters and running a boxing gym in Las Vegas, has a half-Filipina fighter, bantamweight Elena Reid, 16-1, whom he wanted to take to Manila.

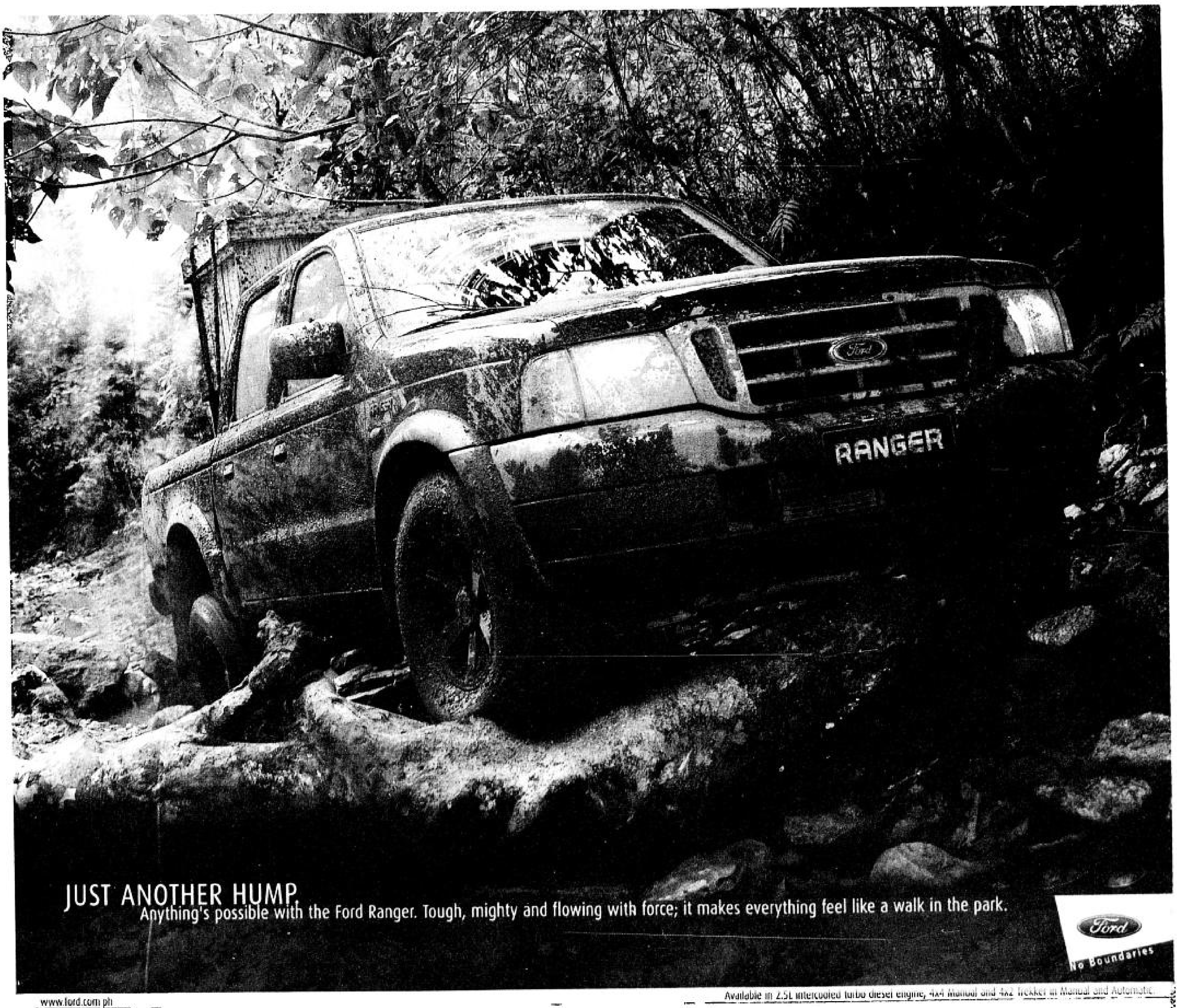
Looking back, he said they had underestimated Navarrete, not knowing he packed a killer left hand.

Indeed, he has heard many stories about Navarrete, sad and very disturbing tales.

"The fight game needs good guys like Pacquiao," Edwards added. "I hope many guys like Pacquiao come along to represent the Philippines."

You don't want Navarrete's bad habits, he said.

Nobody needs a bad role model, Boza Edwards stressed.



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Beermen seek No. 3 versus Barako today

CHRIS Burgess has so far not been offensive-minded as pre-tournament forecasts suggested.

But the 6-foot-10 import has a little of everything which San Miguel Beer feels will be crucial when it collides with Red Bull Barako today in the 2005 Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

"It's not what the statistics show. It's what he (Burgess) brings to the team that's important," said San Miguel Beer coach Jong Uichico after posting a 2-0 record at the expense of Coca-Cola last week.

Burgess scored only 12 points but had 18 rebounds on top of three blocks, an assist and a steal apart from the intangibles he did on the floor.

"Chris definitely fits into the San Miguel system. He moves the ball pretty well and gets his teammates involved in offense," said Uichico.

Against the Barako starting at 4:15 p.m., Burgess faces the high-scoring Dalron Johnson, another 6-foot-10 import who made quite an impression in Red Bull's first two games.

Johnson led the Barako to victory over the Barangay Ginebra Kings but his local teammates floundered in a 109-104 defeat inflicted by the FedEx Express the other night.

The loss dropped the Barako into a six-way tie with Shell, FedEx, Purefoods, Coca-Cola and Sta. Lucia Realty, which meets Talk 'N Text in tonight's second game

The Realtors barged into the win column at the expense of the Alaska Aces after getting ample firepower from Kenneth Duremdes and import Raheim Brown.

The Phone Pals made history by defeating the Turbochargers in the PBA's first ever overseas game in Jakarta, Indonesia, last week.

"I heard their (Phone Pals) import is very good but my boy is prepared," said Sta. Lucia Realty coach Alfrancis Chua, referring to the 6-foot-10 Brown.

Nicknamed "The Dream," Brown grew up in the streets of New York playing pickup games with his friend Vince Carter of the New Jersey Nets in the NBA.

Ike, who goes for team play rather than individual skills, led two other Phone Pals—Vic Pablo and Don Camaso—in double-double (points and rebounds) figures against the Turbochargers.

Danny Ildefonso will again sit for San Miguel Beer for the third consecutive game after going through an operation that removed bone spurs on his right heel.

Uichico said it would take Ildefonso three more weeks to recover.

June Navarro

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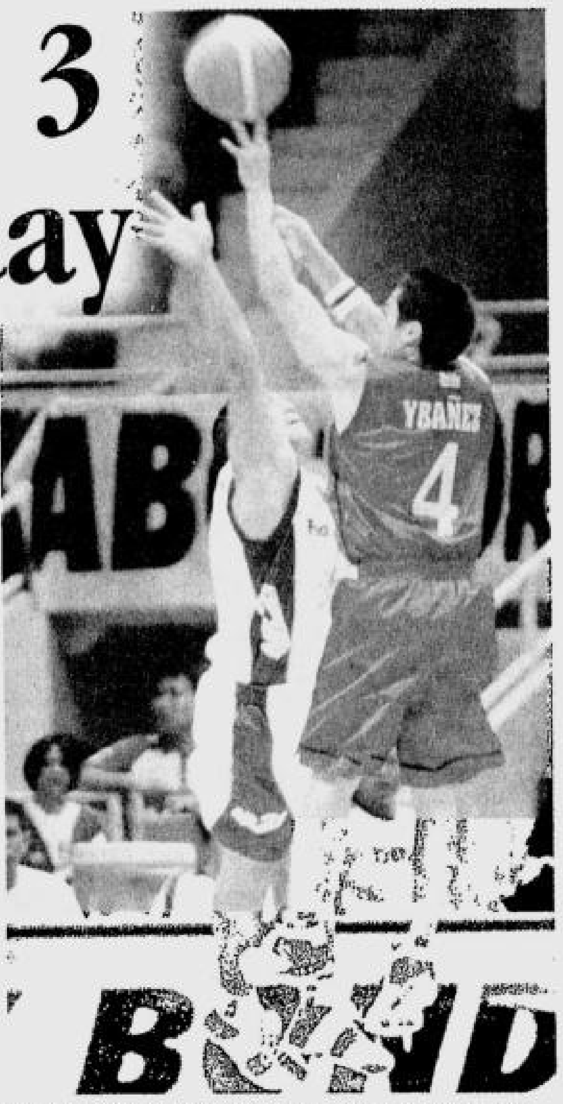
Barangay Ginebra nailed its first win with a 74-71 victory over Alaska in Tacloban City last night.



BARAKO Warren Ybañez fires a jumper over Express' Wynne Arboleda in their game Friday. RYAN LIM

Roach ready to bet money on Pacquiao

ALTHOUGH he is not a gambler, nor does he espouse it, renowned trainer Freddie Roach has intimated he is ready to bet on Manny Pacquiao when the Filipino takes on Erik "El Terible" Morales on March 19.

Roach, who confided he has only bet twice in his life, said he is not afraid to bet a third time in Las Vegas, the world's gambling capital, if only to prove to the world that indeed Pacquiao is in the best shape of his life.

When asked whether he's willing to shell out some money on a probable KO win by Pacquiao, Roach said: "I haven't made a bet yet. But I'm seriously considering it… Manny is so sharp. He's focused and he will fight a much better fight than Marquez and you will see the type of Manny that fought against Barrera. I do think he can KO Morales."

Pacquiao settled for a draw with double world featherweight champion Juan Manuel Marquez last year after stopping Marco Antonio Barrera in November 2003.

Asked whether Pacquiao has the potential to become a crossover star in the United States, Roach revealed that Pacquiao has been improving on his English, and that the Filipino superstar is an explosive fighter with great personality and Pacquiao "will catch on with America pretty soon."

The renowned trainer also confided that Pacquiao is prepared should Morales opt to box, as the Filipino will use a lot of side-to-side movements and fight a smarter fight than Marquez.

Should Morales opt to gut it out with Pacquiao, Roach, flashing a wide grin, said: "Anyone who exchanges (punches) with Manny is making a big mistake."

Meanwhile, Morales announced he is "ready to go to war" in an interview with Mexican media in Mexico City yesterday, where he watched his pal Jose Antonio Aguirre lose to Eric Ortiz for the WBC junior flyweight crown.

"I am going into the most important fight of my boxing career. I know what Pacquiao will bring—speed and power. I am prepared to dig in and fight the fight of my life," a TopRank presser said.

More than 200 fight fans watched in awe at the Nuevo Jordan gym in Mexico City where Morales put on the gloves and headgear and did six rounds before seven TV cameras and over two dozen fight writers.

"I'm ready to fight, go to war, I know the importance of this fight and I know what Pacquiao brings," he said. *Salven Lagumbay, Contributor*

EUGENE TORRE

GM Eugene Torre (2nd from left) displays a replica of his P100,000 check for topping the recent 1st Tanauan Chess Open-Mayor's Cup. Shown are Tanauan City vice mayor Jun-jun Trinidad, Councilor Nini Querrer and First Asia Institute president Bong Belen.

Gonzales grabs La Union chess lead

Individual Standings after Round 8:

7.0—Jayson Gonzales

6.5—Eugene Torre, Rogelio Antonio Jr., Chito Garma, Darwin Laylo

6.0—Oliver Barbosa, Bario Nadera, Ronald Bancod, Ronald Llavanes, Rolando Nolte, Jerome Balico

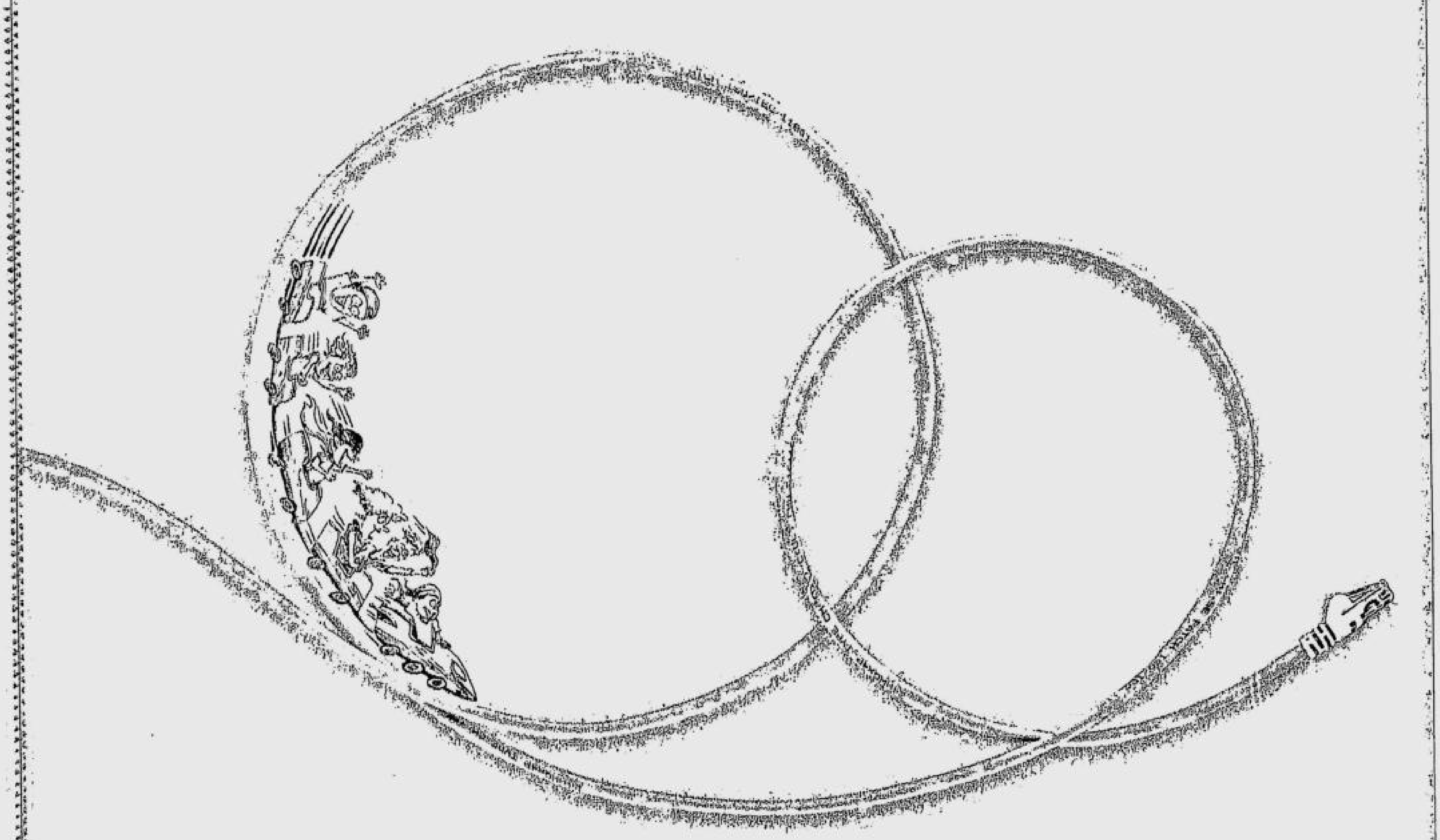
SAN FERNANDO, La Union—International Master Jayson Gonzales humbled Fide Master Oliver Dimakiling to grab solo leadership heading into the final round of the fourth La Union Open chess championships at the Diego Silang Hall here.

An enlisted member of the Philippine Army, Gonzales forced Dimakiling to resign after 34 moves of a Queen's Gambit Accepted to have a 7.0 points total.

Gonzales plays the black pieces against tournament favorite Joey Antonio in the final round.

Antonio drew with fellow GM Eugene Torre after 40 moves of a Bogo-Indian encounter to share second to fourth spots with two others with 6.5 points.

Chito Garma and 2004 National Open champion Darwin Laylo both won to be in that second place tie. Garma beat Fernie Donguines after 39 moves of a Sicilian while Laylo bested IM Ronald Dableo in 35 moves of a Queen's Gambit Accepted. *NM Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*



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METRO Manila strikers form a wall against a free kick by the Negrenses in the shoot-out.

NCR booters clinch crown

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Strong-willed NCR-Philippine Navy bested Negros Occidental in the penalty shoot-out, 4-3, to win the 2005 PFF-Adidas National Men's Championship Friday at the Don Gregorio Pelaez Sports Center.

It was a heart-breaking loss for the Victorias Sardines-backed Negrenses who poured their all in the well-attended match.

In the penalty shoot-out, Negros' first kicker, Reydric Viliran, overestimated his target, sending the ball outside to the right corner of the goal mouth.

NCR made its own on Ali Borromeo's opener, but Iligan City native Kim Relucio leveled it for Negros with a center goal attack. It has the chance to gain the momentum when NCR's second kicker, Roberto Cañedo, got foiled by goalie Edward Sacapaño. But Joel Ballo-allo's tie-breaking attempt was also deflected by NCR keeper Ref Delany Cuaresma, leaving three more kickers for them to decide to Negros' two.

As Reymark Palmes faltered and Joshua Fegidero canned the last kick for Negros, NCR's last three kickers, Jose Alfe Caminos, Jimmy Doña and Marlon Piñero, all succeeded to score.

After converting the deciding kick for NCR, tournament MVP Piñero took off his jersey and ran to the edge of the vast field with his teammates for a big celebration.

"My wards are really determined to win," said NCR coach Edward Joel Antony.

Like their initial elimination-round duel that ended in a bruising 1-1 draw, the championship match was very physical from the opening whistle.

Two NCR starters , Rodney Leyble and David Serra did not survive the heat of the intense contest. Leyble, who further aggravated a battered right thigh, was taken out from the pitch in a stretcher, while Serra collapsed for the second time midway in second-half action.

"We just needed one goal but failed to get it," said Negros mentor Norman Fegidero.

Tournament commissioner Pablito Araneta considered the goal-less periods as a blessing in disguise because of the highly physical plays.

NCR's best effort in challenging Negros' aggressive stance was in the last 15 minutes of the overtime period when the 6-foot Borromeo's fine passing play resulted in a string of offensive tries from its strikers.

Philippine Army-backed Laguna downed the youthful Davao squad, 2-0, courtesy of striker Richmond Braga's double in the 43rd and 45th minutes to duplicate its third-place effort last year.

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GOLFERS from the merchandising community and special guests are seeing action in the Philippine Association of Supermarkets Inc. invitational golf tournament on March 31 at the Wack Wack west course. Sequential tee-off starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 11.

The tourney which has San Miguel Corp. as major sponsor will feature team and individual competitions for various handicap levels, according to organizing committee head Renato Guevarra.

Tournament fee is P12,000 per three-man team, inclusive of green fees, script money, giveaways, buffet dinner, raffle ticket and the minimum caddie fee of P500. For inquiries, call Ruth Perez at 3628349.

The three-to-play, two-to-count team competition will be divided into the food and non-food sectors where a team may be composed of the company's executives, dealers or clients.

There will be four handicap classes in individual play. The top one-third of the field will comprise Class A, the next will be in Class B and the final will be for those without handicap indexes.

Members of the winning teams will also receive trophies and special gift packs.

The Country Club attracts top amateurs

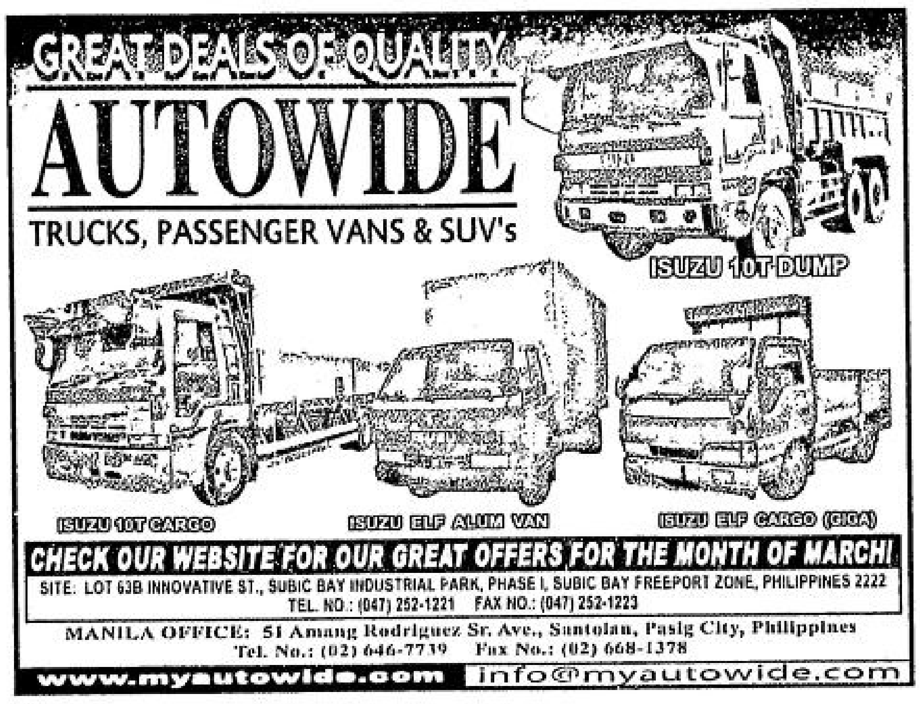
SIX OF the country's top amateurs get the chance to play alongside the revered men of the tour in The Country Club Invitational golf championship unfolding March 17 at The Country Club layout in Canlubang.

Getting the sponsor's invite to compete in the exclusive tournament are reigning national champion Jun Bernis, former titlist Artemio Murakami, Singapore Open champion Michael Bibat, former Uratex Caddies winner Jay Bayron, youthful Tonton Asistio and hotshot Juvic Pagunsan, winner of the just-concluded DHL-WWW-Express national amateur championship.

Rotary holds fellowship tilt

THE 19TH edition of the RGFFP (Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation of the Philippines Inc.) will kick off Rotary's Centennial celebration in sports in Baguio City on April 13-16. The event will be hosted by major sponsors Camp John Hay Golf Course and Baguio Country Club.

The hole-in-one prizes include four holes worth P1 million each a day, another four holes worth P700,000 each a day and the last of the par 3s featuring three possible aces in one hole. For details, contact the RGFFP secretariat's Pauline Sevilla (0920-9199000) or Leah Grubat (0920-9087635) at 7212667 loc. 110, or e-mail rgffp1987@yahoo.com or fax 7215940.



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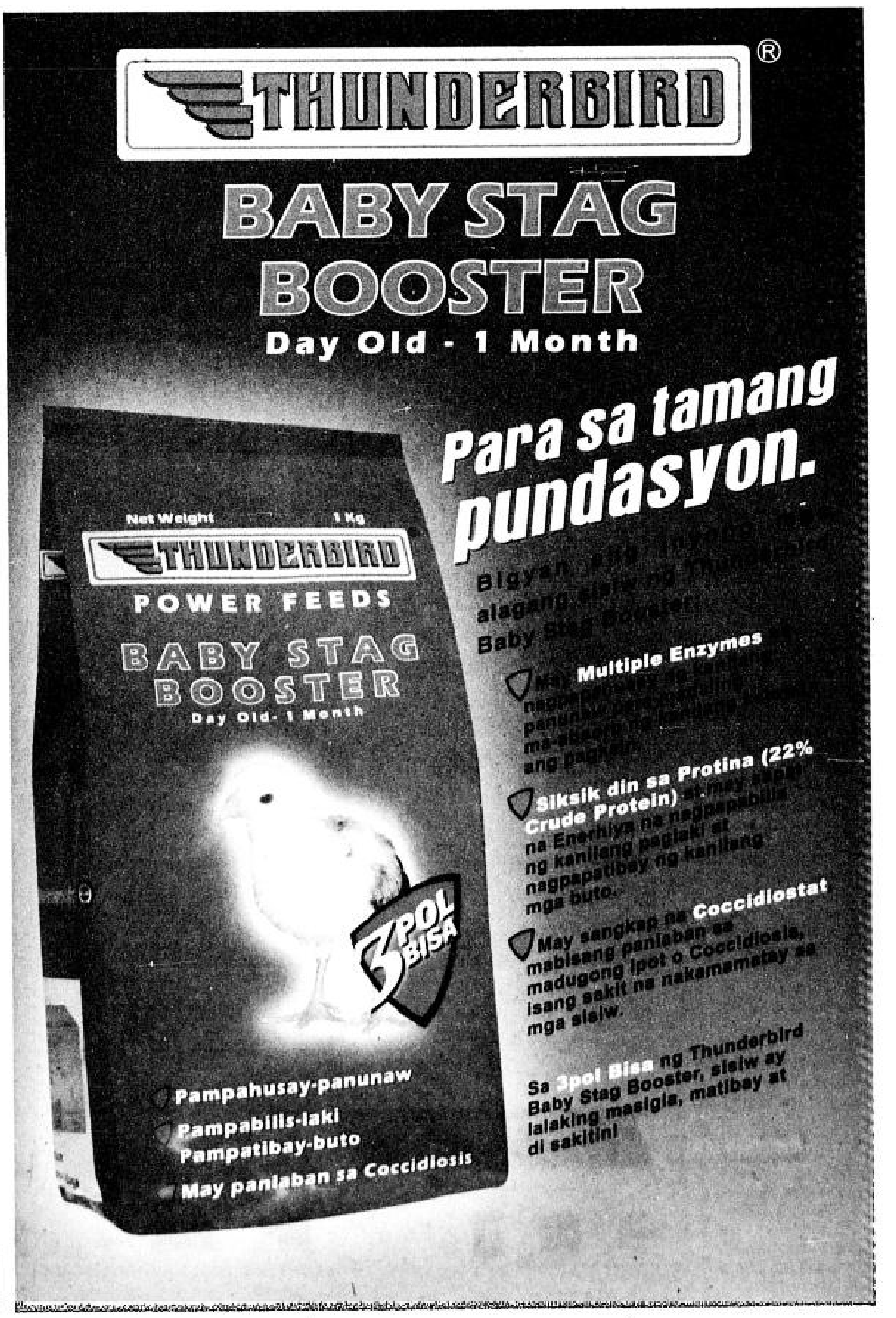

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Stars show lighter, human side

INDIAN WELLS, California—The lighter side of the ATP and WTA Tour was on display here Friday as Swiss superstar Roger Federer led a star-studded exhibition to raise money for Asian tsunami victims.

The ATP All-Star Rally for Relief raised $18,300 for UNICEF from a series of exhibition tiebreak matches at the Indian Wells WTA and ATP Masters Series tournament.

"To get the top 10 players all committed to tonight is fantastic," Federer said. "How often do you see the top 10 players on the same court for two hours?

Besides world No. 1 Federer, other participants included 2005 Australian Open champion Marat Safin, Americans Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi, Tim Henman, Guillermo Coria and Thai tennis star Paradorn Srichaphan.

WTA players Kim Clijsters, Elena Dementieva, Amelie Mauresmo and Daniela Hantuchova also took part.

Safin stole the show in his tiebreaker against Roddick. The Russian prankster put on a display of trick shots and kept the crowd of 6,000 entertained with a string of one-liners.

Clijsters, Dementieva, Mauresmo and Hantuchova traded in their rackets for running shoes and acted as ball girls for the Roddick/Safin match.

Clijsters smiled and joked with Hantuchova until she froze when having to face Roddick's serve from the back of the court.

More money is expected to be added to the fund once the proceeds from tickets sales are counted. *AFP*

MARAT Safin (top photo, right) and Andy Roddick clown around during the ATP All-Star Rally for Relief sidelight of the Pacific Life Open. Roger Federer (right photo) enjoys the show.

Victory marks Clijsters' return

INDIAN WELLS, California—US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Amelie Mauresmo started the Pacific Life Open with easy wins on Friday, and former No. 1 Kim Clijsters also advanced to the third round.

Kuznetsova rebounded from an opening upset loss in Dubai this month by beating Czech qualifier Eva Birnerova, 6-3, 6-2, as half the 32 seeds played after first-round byes, and four seeds fell early.

Clijsters defeated Shinobu Asagoe, 6-3, 6-3. Second-seeded Mauresmo dispatched Tathiana Garbin of Italy, 6-2, 6-1.

Clijsters, returning from two wrist injuries, overcame five double faults against Asagoe, more than making up for it by hitting 11 forehand winners.

"This is my first tournament overseas in almost a year, so I was really looking forward to it," she said. *AP*

Els makes cut, trails by 7 shots

DOHA, Qatar—Richard Green of Australia shot a 4-under 68 Friday to take a one-stroke lead over Swedish golfers Pierre Fulke and Robert Karlsson after the second round of the Qatar Masters.

Ernie Els, the only top-50 ranked player in the field, bounced back with a 69 after opening with a 73. No. 3 ranked Els is seven strokes off the lead going into the weekend.

Green had a composite 9-under 135. Fulke shot 70 and Karlsson carded a 67, both in at 136. Thai golfer Thaworn Wiratchant shot a 68 and was a further stroke behind.

Three players were three shots off the lead: Frenchmen Raphael Jacquelin (68) and Gregory Harvet (67), and David Park (70) of Wales.

"You can never write Ernie off," Green said. "I wouldn't mind betting he puts together a 6-under or something like that tomorrow."

Els, who won last weekend in Dubai, said he would need a "quality weekend" to be in contention at Qatar. A strong finish would allow the South African to close in on No. 1-ranked Tiger Woods and No. 2 Vijay Singh.

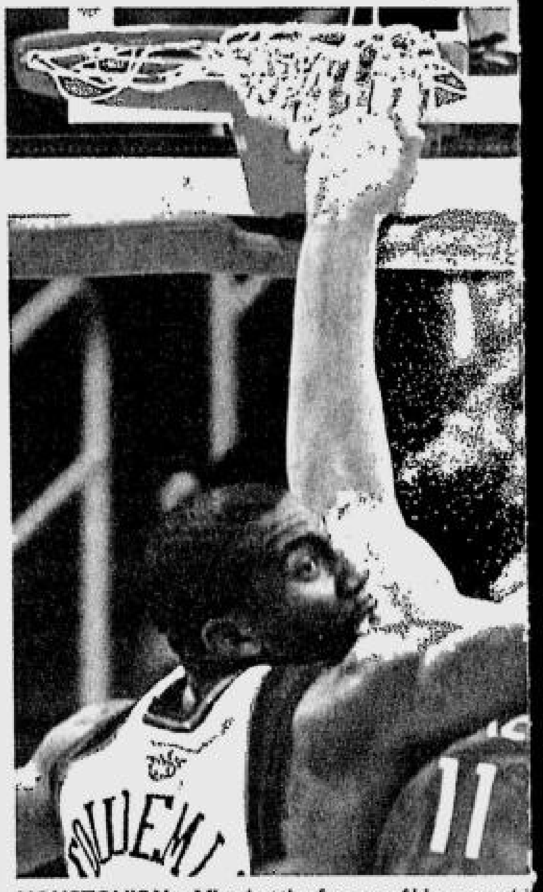
Els exchanged angry words on the practice range just before his round with his Belgian sports' psychologist Jos Vanstiphout.

Els said he was receiving criticism from Vanstiphout, instead of encouragement.

"It was crazy. I guess we can put it down to a misunderstanding," Els said.

In Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Brett Wetterich shot his second successive 66 for a one-shot lead over two-time US Open champion Lee Janzen after two rounds at the Honda Classic on Friday.

Wetterich, an 11-year pro who couldn't recall leading a tournament before, is at 12-under 132 for the tournament. *AP*



HOUSTON'S Yao Ming battles for one of his career-hi

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NEW YORK—Curt Schilling might not be ready to face the rival New York Yankees on opening day.

The Boston Red Sox ace threw to batters Friday for the first time since winning Game 2 of the World Series against St. Louis. Recovering from right ankle surgery on Nov. 9, Schilling said he's unlikely to pitch against the Yank

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IBC-13 airs Mandaluyong fight night

MONGOLIAN Yura Dima's gutsy stoppage of World Boxing Federation (WBF) International flyweight champion Sukarno Banjao in the More Classic Let's Get It On In Mandaluyong will be aired by Jemah Television from 8-10 p.m. tonight through IBC-13. Also on tap in the two-hour boxing presentation sponsored by More, Fortune, Cafe Puro, Family Rubbing Alcohol and Jemah Television president Marc Roces are the bouts pitting WBF International welterweight kingpin Rey Pelonia against Mongolian Baira Kim, world-rated Juanito Rubillar against Flash Simbajon, Baby Lorona, Jr. against Joebar Damosmog and four other undercards. The former Pan Asian Boxing Association (PABA) light-flyweight ruler floored Banjao with rapid combinations early in the final stanza of their 10-round non-title fight and abbreviated the bout with a solid body shot that left the Filipino down to his knees and catching his breath.

Beauties grace UPIS tourney

THE Miss Hawaiian Tropic International Philippines (MHTIP) 2005 candidates graced the 7th University of the Philippines Integrated School (UPIS) Basketball tournament recently at the UP Gymnasium in Diliman Quezon City. Contest winner Jennifer Oxlade led the ceremonial toss during the opening rites. Oxlade was named "Best in Bikini" in the Miss Hawaiian Tropic International-Philippines 2005 Bikini Judging Competition recently at the Pearl of the Pacific Resort and Spa in Boracay. She bested 25 other candidates who flew via Corporate Air, the pageant's official carrier. The coronation night, presented by Smart Addict Mobile Pre-Paid and Hitachi Aircons and Home Appliances, will be held at the NBC Tent, The Fort, Makati City on March 10. Pageant producers are ITEM Corp. and NBC.

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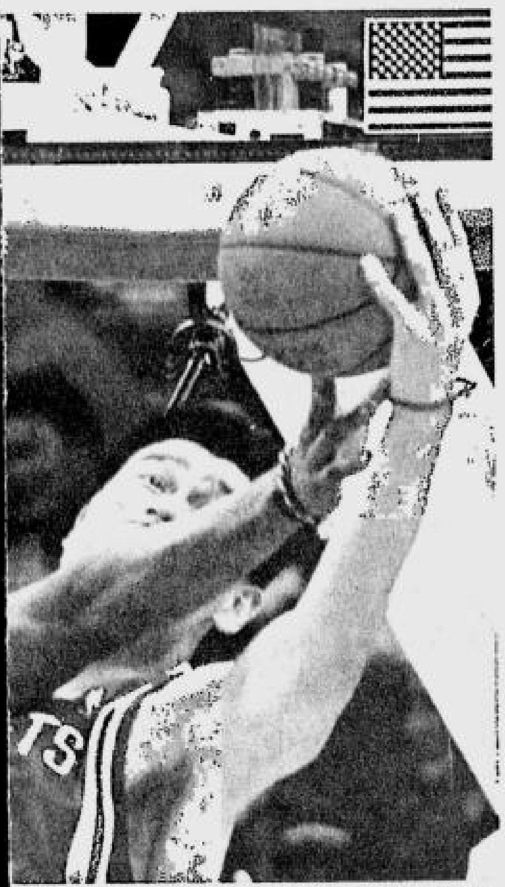

gh 22 boards against Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire.

Pierce boosts Boston in OT

BOSTON—Paul Pierce collected 38 points, including the game-winning jumper with 23 seconds left, and 12 rebounds to give the Boston Celtics a 115-113 double overtime win over the Detroit Pistons Friday.

Pierce also deflected Tayshaun Prince's last-second shot that could have sent the game into triple overtime, handing the Celtics their sixth victory in seven games.

Ricky Davis had 23 points as Boston inflicted a fourth straight road loss on the Pistons and their fourth defeat in five games overall.

Prince led Detroit with 27 points while Richard Hamilton added 24. Ben Wallace tied his season-high with 19 rebounds.

In Philadelphia, Allen Iverson had 25 points and 12 assists as the 76ers crushed the Charlotte Bobcats 112-80.

Kyle Korver added 17 points for the Sixers and Chris Webber contributed 16 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

In Indianapolis, Stephen Jackson scored 22 points to help the Indiana Pacers rout the Golden State Warriors 101-83.

Reggie Miller added 19 points for Indiana while Jeff Foster had 14 points and 17 rebounds.

In Toronto, Tyronn Lue notched 29 points as the Atlanta Hawks ended their 23-game road losing streak with a 116-112 overtime win over the Raptors.

Al Harrington added 28 points for the Hawks, who also ended a 13-game overall losing streak. Jalen Rose had 22 points for Toronto.

In Orlando, Kevin Garnett drained 25 points, including the game-winning three-pointer, to guide the Minnesota Timberwolves past the Magic 101-96.

Garnett also had 18 rebounds while Troy Hudson and Latrell Sprewell chipped in 17 points apiece.

In Milwaukee, Dirk Nowitzki registered 29 points and nine rebounds to carry the Dallas Mavericks to a 112-110 victory over the Bucks.

Jason Terry had a joint season-high 28 points for the Mavs and Michael Finley 19.

In Phoenix, Tracy McGrady recorded 38 points as the Houston Rockets beat the Suns 127-107.

Yao Ming added 27 points and a career-high 22 rebounds for the Rockets. Amare Stoudemire had 31 points and 10 rebounds for Phoenix.

In Salt Lake City, Mike Miller picked up 24 points to drive the Memphis Grizzlies to a 94-82 win over the Utah Jazz.

Andrei Kirilenko had 25 points and 13 rebounds for the Jazz.

In Sacramento, Mike Bibby hit a last-second jumper to give the Kings a 113-112 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Bibby had 28 points and 12 assists. Corey Maggette posted 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Clippers.

In Seattle, Ben Gordon knocked in 22 points as the Chicago Bulls overcame the SuperSonics 100-97.

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NBA on Solar

The Denver Nuggets square off against Amare the Phoenix Suns on Solar Sports tomorrow at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, the Los Angeles Lakers battle the Washington Wizards at 8 a.m.

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With pitching coach Dave Wallace and trainer Chris Correnti looking on, Schilling threw about 50 pitches from the stretch to Doug Mirabelli and Bill Mueller.

"I'm frustrated because nothing's working on my pace," Schilling said.

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AFTER raising funds for the athletes, First Gentleman Mike Arroyo is sending a chosen few to China for intensive training.

Four more sports booked for China

By Jasmine W. Payo

FOUR poor-performing sports in the last Southeast Asian Games were added to the new list of 15 disciplines whose stars will soon undergo intensive training in China to boost their medal chances in the coming Manila SEAG this November.

Rowing, diving, water polo and canoe/kayak were added to the new list of 15 "focus sports" while basketball, archery and shooting were taken out.

All told, 280 nationals will train in China starting in May under a sports agreement forged between the Philippine Sports Commission and the First Gentleman Foundation with top officials from Asia's No. 1 sporting nation.

"We're getting a good deal because China is offering the services of its coaches for free," said national training director Michael Keon.

The standouts from the four added sports will join national team members from athletics, badminton, fencing, football, gymnastics, swimming, table tennis, volleyball, weightlifting, wrestling and wushu in training under ace Chinese coaches.

Diving produced six medals (2 golds, 2 silvers and 2 bronzes) in the Vietnam SEAG in 1993. Rowing secured three silvers and two bronzes, water polo got one bronze, while canoe and kayak failed to bring home a single medal.

Epson eyes bigger field

THE EPSON Cup 2 leveling sessions attracted at least 200 badminton aficionados yesterday at the Pioneer Badminton Center in Mandaluyong City.

Tournament chairman Edmin Tarriela expects the number to increase with a pair of leveling schedules slated on March 19 (6-10 p.m.) and March 20 (1-5 p.m.).

"We're hoping to surpass the number of participants during the first Epson Cup," said Epson marketing manager Randy Kanapi.

The inaugural season of the Epson Cup drew more than 500 badminton enthusiasts, including show biz personalities and other celebrities.

Sanctioned by the Philippine Badminton Association, Epson Cup 2 will be held on April 9-17 with qualifying rounds at the Olympic Badminton Club in Libis, Quezon City.

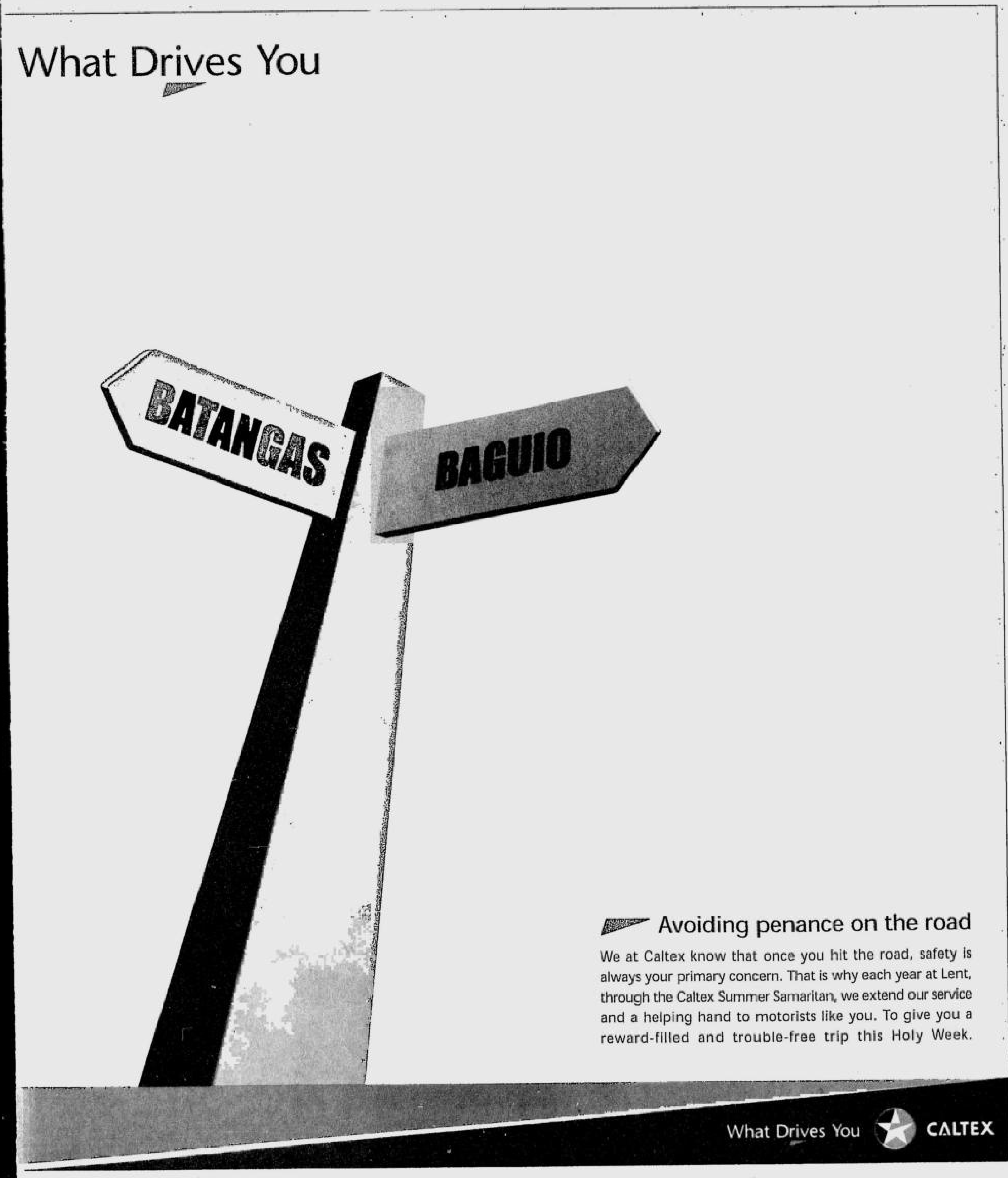
The semifinals and finals of the nine-day event sponsored by Shell, Wilson, Philippine Daily Inquirer and Citibank will be held at the Greenhills Badminton Center in San Juan.

Former national player EG Lim will also conduct the leveling sessions next week. The tournament is also backed by Apple Center, Konica (Photo Columbia), Mizuno, UNO Magazine, Magic 89.9, 99.5 RT, Yehey.com, PBNet and Fitness First.

Registration fee is pegged at P500.

The deadline for registration is on March 20. For details, contact 638-5343, 7460828 or visit www.epson.com.ph.

Early registrants will get a gym bag from Epson, the country's leading brand in digital imaging.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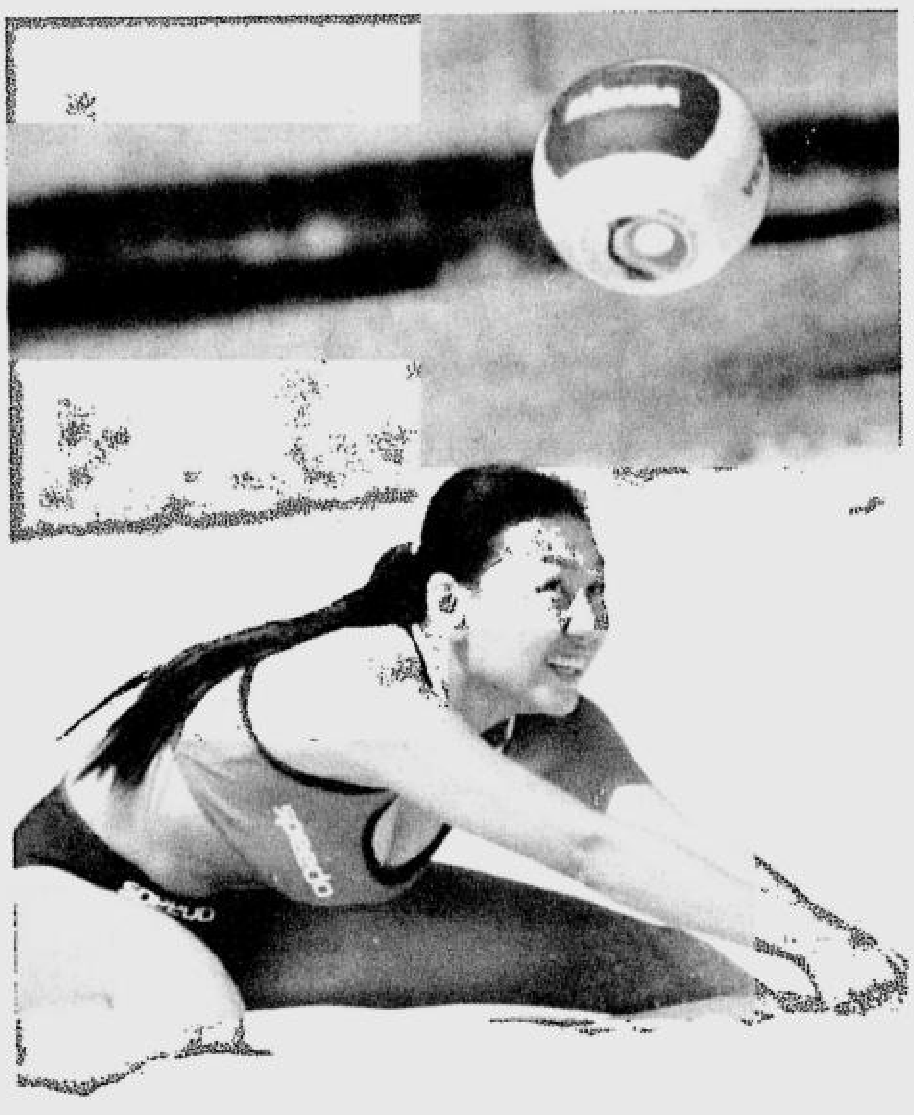

DIANE Destajo goes down to keep ball in play in the Petron Ladies Beach Volleyball match yesterday. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Bohawe-Siatan advances to beach volleyball finals

THE VETERAN tandem of Patricia Siatan and Jennifer Bohawe won a string of six games to return to the finals of the Petron Ladies' Beach volleyball tournament at the Clearwater Country Club in Clark field in Pampanga.

Siatan-Bohawe counted the Navy team of Michelle Laborte and Rubie de Leon in its list of victims to earn a chance at winning this event for the third time.

The Army tandem of Siatan and Bohawe owns the distinction of being the only team ever to win this event two straight years.

They beat Laborte and de Leon, 21-12 late in the eliminations, before claiming the scalp of the Suzanne Roces-Abigal Escandor team, 21-11, in the semis.

Cecille Tabuena, who was Laborte's partner when they denied Siatan and Bohawe a third straight crown, also made the finals, with the help of Erika Tiamzon this time.

Tabuena-Tiamzon also swept its first six games, capping the streak with a 21-15 triumph over Laborte and De Leon in the semifinals.

A top purse of P10,000 will be awarded to the champions of the Voltz Management Group-organized tournament, which is also backed by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, PAGCOR and Toyota Pasong Tamo.

Speedo is the official outfitter while Mikasa is the official ball.

The finals will be telecast on NBN-4 on a delayed basis courtesy of Abel Cruz of ALC Productions and Visible Video.

"Tabuena may not be playing alongside her old partner but she is still a force to reckon with. Cecille and her new teammate are a potent mix and I see a great championship game between us," said Bohawe, a former member of the national volleyball team.

The top two teams here get automatic berths to the Petron Volleyball National Finals in December.

SHELL SUPERKARTING

Loyola, Eduque guests of honor

AUTOMOBILE Association of the Philippines (AAP) president Mandy Eduque and Carmona Mayor Dahlia Loyola are the special guests-of-honor in the kickoff of the 2005 Shell Superkarting Series today at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

They will deliver inspirational messages to the participants of this fast-growing sport and will do the ceremonial flagoff of this event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines.

Some 60 karters will be vying for the various titles at stake, namely: the premiere ICA-Open class, the Rotax Max Juniors, Cadet 60, Cadet 85, Formula SL Light, Formula Rotax Max Juniors/Seniors and the Formula Max Veterans.

Attention will be on reigning Karter of the Year Matteo Guidicelli of the Cebu Racing Group and defending Asian Karting Queen Michele Bumgarner of M&M racing as they clash anew for the premiere Intercontinental-A plum.

Racing whiz kid Alessandra Madrigal of Alessandra Racing-PCR, Cadet 60 class champ Ayrton Cuesta, Ton Joson and Juha Turalba are expected to clash in the Cadet 60 and Cader 85 classes.

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When it rains, it pours for SEAG

By Jasmine W. Payo

MORE funds for the 2005 Southeast Asian Games are finally flowing in.

A day after Malacañang approved the release of P300 million, the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (Philsoc) sealed P345 million worth of sponsorship packages from the country's top corporations.

"We will announce the breakdown of sponsors during the official marketing launch on Tuesday," said Philippine Olympic Committee spokesperson Joey Romasanta yesterday.

There are other major deals reportedly being lined up—including one with communication giant PLDT—in Philsoc's aggressive drive to raise the P800 million to P1 billion needed to bankroll the biennial event slated Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

Philsoc has only presented Globe Telecoms, which secured a P100-million Gold Package, as the Games' major sponsor.

Meanwhile, athletics also got a big financial boost from the First Gentleman Foundation, which doubled its allocation to P12 million.

"We really submitted a complete training program," said Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association president Go Teng Kok, who had originally proposed a P16-million budget.

"We complained about the P6-million fund because it won't be enough," said Go, whose team hauled the most number of golds with eight in the 2003 SEA Games. "But it was good that more funds are coming in not just for athletics but also for other sports."

Shooting, which clinched only one gold two years ago, initially got the biggest chunk of the funds at P7 million.

"San Miguel (athletics' godfather) agreed to double its fund (for athletics) because it will be put to good use," said Michael Keon, national training director of the Philippine Sports Commission.

"In the training program they submitted, athletics will have eight overseas competitions and there will be a lot of equipment to be purchased."

Keon added that almost all the 41 sports competing in the biennial meet have submitted their budget proposals.

"Most of the NSAs (National Sports Associations) have done a very good job," said Keon, former project director of Gintong Alay in the '80s. "Most of them have presented a good budget. We're just helping some of them fine tune their programs."

Keon stressed, however, that he will soon focus on the athletes' preparation for the SEA Games.

"After ensuring that all the NSAs get their funds, I'll be watching the athletes train," said Keon. "I'm going to China with them."

Almost 300 national athletes and coaches from 15 sports will be sent to China in May to undergo intensive training programs.

J. Walker Classic: Miñoza, Que joining world stars

By Jong Arcano

FOR FRANKIE Miñoza, a big opportunity to resurrect a career seemingly going downhill. For Angelo Que, a good chance to continue with a blossoming overseas campaign.

The two Filipino pro stars representing different generations are set to tee it up with the world's best after being confirmed to play in the $2.35 million Johnnie Walker Classic on April 21-24 at the Pine Valley Golf Resort and Country Club in Beijing, China.

Que's slot was assured due to his victory in last year's Vietnam Open as well as his consistent showing in the current Asian Tour while Miñoza, back on the regional front after losing his card in the Japanese Tour, has been granted a special invitation in view of his outstanding track record in Asia's richest event.

Among Asian players, the 45-year-old Miñoza still owns one of the best records in the Johnnie Walker Classic with two top 10 finishes.

Que, who will be making his debut appearance in the event, will surely relish competing with one of his idols.

He scored his career breakthrough last November when he topped the Vietnam Masters in Hanoi, beating the likes of Corey Pavin and current Asian Tour No. 1 player Thongchai Jaidee. The 26-year-old also posted a top 10 finish in the Thailand Open early this month.

Miñoza and Que will be shooting it out with an array of international superstars, including four of the world best 10 players. They are world No. 3 Ernie Els and No. 5 Retief Goosen of South Africa, Sergio Garcia of Spain who is ranked sixth and No. 9 Adam Scott of Australia.

Peter Kehmlani, marketing manager of Diageo Philippines, said he Philippines will be well-represented in the Johnnie Walker Classic's historic visit to China with Miñoza and Que both capable of fine showings.

ALL FOR JESUS: Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose Cojuangco hits the ceremonial ball to open the 2nd All for Jesus Golf Tournament held recently at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

Manny-Erik a marketing marvel in US

By Percy D. Della, *Contributor*

SACRAMENTO—The Los Angeles Times and the rest of California's major media outlets still have to redeem themselves with the first significant story on the upcoming Manny Pacquiao-Erik Morales fight.

Despite their vast resources, the Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, San Diego Union-Tribune, Orange County Register and the Sacramento Bee—the five biggest papers of the state—have demurred from treating the run-up to the fight as a major sports story.

In contrast, La Opinion, the most circulated Spanish-language daily in California, has plugged the bout since it was announced. In a span of a week alone, from Feb. 28 to March 7, the ethnic newspaper has written four major items on the card. Filipino newspapers around the state have done their part by mostly reprinting stories from Manila-based periodicals.

Last Monday, the Los Angeles Daily News, a poor cousin to the Times in terms of circulation, somewhat ended the majors' long drought of publicity for the bout—now only six days away.

The Daily News piece featured the thoughts of promoter Bob Arum on why tickets and pay-per-view subscriptions are being gobbled up—making prime media coverage irrelevant to the March 19 Las Vegas junior lightweight fight.

In a short item lumped with other boxing stories, the News said the match-up is "highly anticipated." The newspaper quoted Arum, who will promote the fight, as saying: "It is unbelievable. I have never seen ticket sales for a fight like this so strong."

That the Pacquiao-Morales fight is a hot ticket can be attributed to the aggressive marketing efforts of HBO—the giant cable company.

Despite the lack of "advance stories" about the fight in the mainstream media, Arum reported that 11,000 of the 14,500 tickets that were available for the fight at the MGM Grand have been sold.

The card will be available on HBO pay-per-view for $44.95 and on closed-circuit television. The News reported that Arum "expects the pay-per-view numbers to be higher than the 325,000 buys for Morales-Marco Antonio Barrera III last November."

Bautista makes impressive Hawaii debut

By Salven L. Lagumbay, *Contributor*

REIGNING World Boxing Organization Asia-Pacific bantam king Rey "Boom Boom" Bautista yesterday made an impressive American debut as he won via a stunning knockout win over Thai Aree Phosuwangym at 1:45 of the 5th round in the scheduled 10-round non-title fight at the Neal Blaisdell Arena in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Bautista used a 3-punch combination—jab, straight, and a solid left hook—to floor the celebrated former Muay Thai fighter from Bangkok.

It took almost 5 minutes before Aree could get back his consciousness and he was almost led out of the ring by the medical team on a stretcher.

Phosuwangym jumped on Bautista right away, as he dictated the momentum of the opening round and set a fast-paced action. The Thai (who has a record of 90 Muay Thai fights under his belt) tried to press the attack, but Bautista was able to turn the tide by dominating the 2nd to.4th round. He finally floored Aree on the 5th.

Bautista, the young phenom from Candijay, Bohol, was congratulated at ringside by ex-World champ Ben Villaflor, Jesus Salud and Rolando Bohol.

The win improved Bautista's record to 14 wins with 10 KOs and lined him up for yet another fight in the US within the year.

Bautista and his manager Tony Aldeguer, trainer Edito "Ala" Villamor and promoter Sammy Gello-ani are slated to fly today to LA before heading off to Las Vegas to watch Z Gorres see action against Gerson Guerrero underneath the Manny Pacquiao-Erik Morales show.

Pacquiao scores big

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the same size weight would do)," a sweaty Pacquiao, wearing a baby beard and moustache, said yesterday.

He added it would all be a question of who would land the bigger punch (*depende sa suntok na tatama*).

His handlers had confided that Pacquiao could hit more solidly with the thinner Reyes brand.

Pacquiao hosted a dinner for the other members of his team that included Moy Lainez, Lito Mondejar and Gerry Garcia, who arrived Thursday night.

The team will also be backing Z Gorres who has been lined up against Felix Flores Murrillo (15-3-1) in the same Vegas card Pacquiao will headline.

Gorres starts from Florida where he trained under the fabled Buddy McGirt.

Pacquiao, set to spar again Saturday, takes a break and hears Mass Sunday, before his last sparring Monday morning.

SPORTS LEADERS: POC president Peping Cojuangco, PSC officer-in-charge Butch Ramirez, POC secretary general Steve Hontiveros and former POC head Celso Dayrit discuss plans, programs and budgets with NSA officials at Dragon Gate restaurant.

Puerto Princesa 'Moto Masters' March 19-20

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Legions of motocross fans are expected to troop here to witness this year's biggest motorsports spectacle, the 2005 Motocross Masters of Asia, Round 2 of this year's FIM Asian Motocross Championship set in this city's motocross racetrack on March 19-20.

The event is sponsored by the City of Puerto Princesa, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the Philippine Sports Commission, the Department of Tourism, Cebu Pacific, Negros Navigation, Dickies, 2Go Aboitiz, HJC Helmets, Oakley, Highland Products, yehey.com, motorcycle-philippines.com, Inside Racing, Broadband Philippines, Dusit Hotel, Hotel Asturias, Sports Plus, Caltex Revtex, Asian Spirit and GCG Pipes.

The banner cast of teams strutting their wares in the motofest is headed by Clatex Revtex Oakley, the country's most prolific motocross team in the past decade.

With eight-time Philippine rider of the year Glenn Aguilar at the helm, the team molded many of such raw talents into champions, the most notable of whom are Kenneth San Andres, an eight-time national champion in the Junior and Peewee division and 2004 Rookie of the Year, and Gabriel de la Cruz, the country's current No. 2 rider.

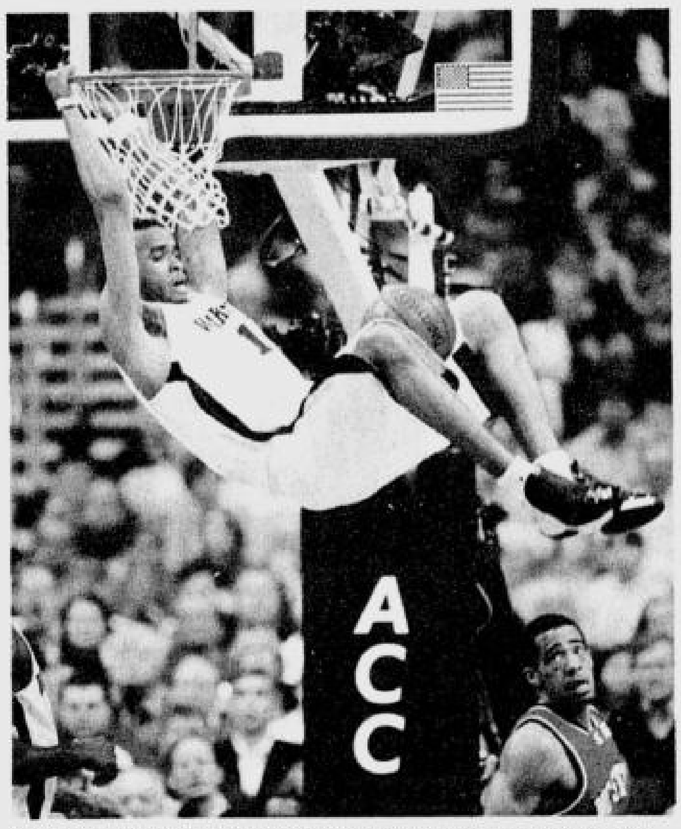
Aguilar, San Andres and De la Cruz will all be suiting up in the Asian 125cc category, the premier class of the 2005 FIM Asian Motocross Championship. Caltex Revtex Oakley's Jean Erick Mitra, the champion of the Asian International Peewee 50cc Modified Division held during the Asian championship's opening leg in Guam last February is one of the strong contenders in the Peewee division.

The Dickies Racing Team's cause will rest on the shoulders of James Robinson of New Zealand in the 125cc class and on Rafael Enriquez of PAL-Dickies Racing Team in the Peewee category. For details on the Motocross Masters of Asia, e-mail namssa01@hotmail.com or call 0917-8992363.

JEFFREY Chan of Hirano Racing-Norkis Yamaha displays his winning form during the open 125cc race in the kickoff leg of the 2005 Shell Advance Underbone Series at the Carmona Racing Circuit recently.

COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Stablemates aim to stop top choice Empire King



MARCH MADNESS: Wake Forest's Justin Gray hangs on to the rim after a slam against North Carolina State in their ACC basketball game Friday.

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By **Edwin Villanueva**, *Contributor*

EMPIRE King will be a marked galloper when he parades to the post as the top choice in the P1-million Commissioner's Cup today at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

No less than the stablemates Cover Girl and WestBound will be keeping a close watch on the 2004 Horse of the Year who is on a two-major race winning roll this year.

Cover Girl and West Bound have a score to settle with Empire King, prompting railbirds to expect another thrilling down-the-wire scene featuring the country's three leading local gallopers.

Empire King beat West Bound in the Philracom Open and then Cover Girl in the Freedom Cup, making the 4-year-old Perfect Halo-Carta Nueve progeny the prohibitive pick to take away the P600,000 first prize in the race to be disputed over 1,750 meters.

"Base sa mga ikinilos niya ng huling dalawang takbo, kundisyon pa rin (Based on his last two outings, he's still in top form)," said jockey Jeffrey Ladiana, Empire King's regular rider. *"Saka mukhang gamay na niya sa SLLP* (It seems he's now used to running at the SLLP)."

After bowing to Cover Girl in the "Karera Para sa Puso," Empire King bounced back to beat West Bound in the Philracom Open with Ladiana getting the ride back from Pat Dilema. A week later, the colt avenged his loss to Cover Girl by topping the Freedom Cup, clocking a fast 1:50 flat over 1,750 meters. It was also Empire King's first big win at the Carmona, Cavite, track.

The margins of victory in the last three meetings involving Empire King, Cover Girl and West Bound have not gone beyond one length.

Jonathan Hernandez will be back to guide Cover Girl (Khozaam-Gallant Native), while Eldy Salvador will again be on board West Bound (Heza Gone West-Fair Maiden), last year's Classic Open champion.

Hernandez was atop West Bound in their last outing (Feb. 25) when they lost to the Salvador-ridden Sound Offer in the second leg of the Santa Ana Championship Series.

Eight other local runners, all capable of altering the complexion of the race, are joining this afternoon's fray.

Speed O'War (Strong Material-Conquistador Quest) may pose a big problem to other speedballs and is always dangerous when allowed to wallow in front.

Moab (Hazm-Leveret), conqueror of Cover Girl in last year's Sampaguita Stakes, is also another fast-starting bet but is now reportedly being groomed to come off the pace.

Also participating is the never-say-die Free Wind (Principality-All Pleasant), the Freedom Cup fifth placer who will now try his luck under Dominador "Rapid Fire" Borbe Jr. Free Wind is also the oldest among the entries at 6 years old.

Rounding out the field are coupled bets Shadowfax (Conquistarose-Northern Edge) and Ghurka (Conquistarose-Kasintahan), Chariot of Fire (Conquistarose-Chase the Wind), Paramount (Periscope-Wind in My Hair) and Scrap of Gold (Pleasure Dancer-Aventura).

Second to third placers will receive P225,000, P125,000 and P50,000, respectively.

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Race 4—1. Oh Man I'm Sweet 2. Teetotal 3. Tres Jeune
Race 5—1. Sweet Felicity 2. Raven 3. Macho Guwapito 4. Magic Dancer
Race 6—1. Wear the Fox Hat 2. Southsea 3. Hyperbid
Race 7—1. Empire King 2. West Bound/Cover Girl 3. Moab 4. Free Wind 5. Ghurka/Shadowfax 6. Scrap of Gold
Race 8—1. Sound Offer 2. American Woman 3. Heroics
Race 9—1. Malone 2. Doctor Stve 3. Just A Moment 4. Time Deposit
Race 10—1. Princess Sarah 2. Mr. Speaker 3. Tiedil Forever 4. Awesome Power
Race 11-1. Good Landing 2. Khan Caloo 3. Mighty Mare 4. Sharon's Cookie
Race 12—1. Feng Shui 2. Ichiro 3. Sea of Galilee 4. Ancestral Home
Race 13—1. Yankee Clipper 2. Candon's Pride 3. True Justice 4. Time to Party 5. King Hazm 6. Iron Will

Lakewood looms as next sporting paradise

STA. LUCIA vice president engineer Winifred Gob hits the ceremonial ball.

STA. LUCIA Realty and Development Inc. opened last week Lakewood Golf and Country Club, the latest world-class development in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija, which is gaining ground as the country's next golfing paradise.

And thanks to the developer's meticulous planning, designing and construction, Lakewood sports a fresh and exciting concept envisioned to usher in a new golfing lifestyle to the Novo Ecijanos.

"As the first and only golf club in this progressive province, Lakewood is at par with some of the best in the country and around the world," said president Exequiel Robles of Sta. Lucia, voted 2003 developer of the year by the Chamber of Real Estate Builders Association.

Already playable are the first nine holes (back layout) of the 18-hole, 7,409-yard par-72 championship golf course. It features 16 man-made lakes strategically located as water hazards, multi-bunkers, and an imposing view of the Sierra Madre in the background that are all part of the grand design by architects Robin Nelson and Neil Haworth of Hawaii.

Nelson was a one-time awardee as Best Golf Course Architect in 2000 by the American Society of Golf Course Architects, while Haworth has designed many of Asia's top courses, including the Shenzhen Golf CLub in China.

"Not only that. Lakewood is an all-weather course, too," Robles said of the joint venture project between Sta. Lucia and NE Properties Dev. Corp. & Landco Pacific Corp.

Another first in Lakewood, according to general manager Tom Clemente, is the aquatic driving range that introduces a water hazard at the center of the target landing areas which helps golfers hone their accuracy in shot-making.

SPORTSWATCH

Bumgarner signs up with New Team

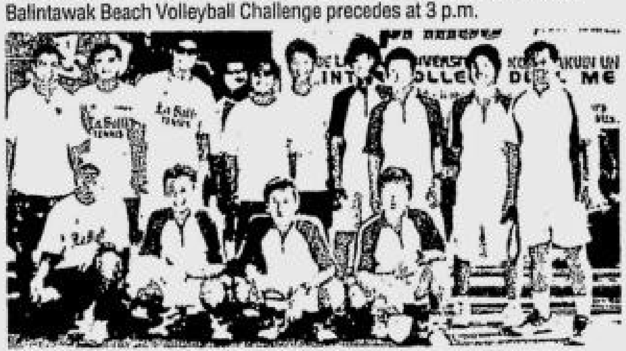
ASIAN karting champion Michele Bumgarner recently signed a contract with Italian kart manufacturer Intrepid Kart to race in the Intercontinental Class-A (ICA) as official driver of the company's racing team—the New Team Karting Racing team. The team is managed by Pietro Sassi who managed F1 driver (Jordan team, 2004) Giorgio Pantano to two World Karting Championships. Bumgarner, backed up by Samsung, Oakley, Malaysia Airlines, Tillett Racing Seats and Standard Insurance, will be racing initially in six championships in Italy, the 10th Winter Cup and the Italian Masters Series. Bumgarner recently bagged her second Golden Wheel award as Motorsports Driver of the Year.

Puerto Princesa racetrack ready

PUERTO Princesa—The finishing touches to the enhancements on the Puerto Princesa City motocross racetrack are underway to render the stage for the 2005 Motocross Masters of Asia-Puerto Princesa International Motocross Grand Prix set March 20 here. Arthur Valdez, the FIM-trained and accredited vice president of NAMSSA, the national motorcycle federation at the helm of the meticulous preparations, will conduct a final inspection of the venue next week. The four-hectare rolling racetrack has undergone minor changes to further ensure the safety of the participants and the spectators in this event which counts the Philippine Olympic Committee, the Philippine Sports Commission, the DOT and Cebu Pacific among the sponsors.

Banares vs Dujali in Fistorama

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama today features an exciting eight round bout in the super-flyweight division. Rene Banares clashes with Chris Dujali at 115 lbs. The fight was held last week at the Joe Cantada Boxing Arena in Bagumbayan, Taguig City. The show is aired thrice weekly throughout the world through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel. Samsung's Fistorama, supported by Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon is aired at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN-9. Golf Power, featuring the semifinals of the Toyota Balintawak Beach Volleyball Challenge precedes at 3 p.m.



DUAL MEET: The participants in the recent Prince Inter-college dual tennis meet include, from left (standing), La Salle coach Roland Kraut, players, Edu Diez, Chase Tinio, Mark Balce, Ralph Barte, Irwin de Guzman, Kobe netters Takashi Higashiguchi, Naoki Miyake, Fuyuki Ogawa, Japanese coach Camoy palahang, (seated) Perene Alina, Shitohei Maruyama, Masaki Kawatsu and Shimpei Moriguchi at the PCA courts in Plaza Dilao, Paco.

Fastest Win One-Cock Ulutan up

PASAY City Cockpit's Superfights II Fastest Win One-Cock Ulutan is set tomorrow and on Wednesday with a guaranteed prize of P1.1 million at stake. Sponsors are Sagupaan Complexor 3000, Sagupaan B-50 Forten and Sagupaan Mite Free. Pit managers Eric de la Rosa and Butchoy Olano said the event will start at 7 a.m. due to the anticipated huge number of entries. Participants may register as early as 6 a.m. Registration fee is P2,500. The top five major prizes are P200,000 for fastest win champion; P150,000 for second, P100,000 for third, brand-new tricycle for fourth and home theater showcase for fifth. As bonus to early registrants, the first winners tomorrow will get one sack of rice each. For details, call 8431890, 8431746 and 8166750.

National 7-Bullstag starts April 18

ABOUT 200 prominent cockers and gamefowl breeders all over the country have signified their intention to join the National 7-Bullstag Derby on April 18, 19 and 21 at the Araneta Coliseum. This was announced yesterday by Ricoy Palmares, president of the National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders (NFGB) which is organizing the event in cooperation with sponsors Thunderbird Platinum, Ridaworm of Transcend Phils., Strike Power Feeds of Asvet Inc., Oxyrid of Excellence Gamefowl Specialists, Purina Bio 800, Supremo, Belamyl and Bayer Labuyo. Interested parties may call 7212566 (look for Emoy Gorgonia or Kristine).

MBC presents Manila Bay Festival

DRAGON boat rowers and banca drivers take center stage in the Manila Bay Festival which started yesterday and ends today. The event, featuring a dragon boat competition and bancathon is sponsored by Manila Broadcasting Company in cooperation with the City of Manila. About 400 men and women paddlers are competing in the dragon boat event, while 48 bancas are entered in the water slalom course.

Mafia in Asian boxing

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

SINCE boxing is the talk of the town these days simply because of the Pacquiao-Morales fight on March 20 in Las Vegas, then let's talk about boxing. But let me digress a bit by zeroing in on Asian boxing in particular.

You may not know it yet but Manny Pacquiao is set to receive $1.750 million in his fight with Morales.

Some 25 percent of that will be distributed to his manager Shelley Finkel, promoter Murad Muhammad, trainer, masseur, towel boy and other hands in Pacquiao's camp to include chauffeurs and other plain kibitzers that Pacquiao may wish to reward for their services, unwanted or otherwise.

Even someone from out of the blue handing Pacquiao a toothpick could earn a fortune at the flick of a finger.

I know these things because I have been in the fight business too long that I even know if there's a rat in the Pacquiao camp trying to leak fight strategies to the opponent.

Boxing is so dirty it has been called by Jimmy Cannon the "red light district of sports."

Ever wondered why Pacquiao would now receive a million-dollar plus purse?

Because HBO is in the fight?

Nah.

Because Pacquiao has become world celebrity?

Nah.

Because the Morales magic still sells?

Nah.

Pacquiao has breached the million dollar mark because it is in America he is fighting.

How many times has he fought in the land of milk and honey? Three times? Four times?

And in all of those fights, he had impressed upon the American public that he's got what it takes to be a world champion. His 11-round destruction alone of Marco Antonio Barrera in November 2003 threw America into a frenzy.

Where did this punching machine come from, America kept asking.

Promoters and matchmakers would soon suddenly find themselves falling in line to lure Pacquiao to star in their fight cards.

In contrast, I have yet to see Japan, Asia's No. 1 fight promoter, dangle a purse anywhere close to $500,000 to a champion/challenger. Through the years, the standard champion/challenger take was $250,000. A $300,000-purse was considered a bonanza already.

Why this is so is a question begging for answers.

Is boxing in Asia controlled by a clique similar to the Mafia of America, specifically New York?

The most popular boxing promoters/managers of Asia come from Japan-Honda and Joe Koizumi.

You recall that when Luisito Espinosa beat Oscar Rios of Argentina to retain his world crown in Gensan in 1997, Espinosa failed to collect his purse of $150,000.

Espinosa's manager then was Koizumi, who also loves to call himself a journalist but nobody believes him anyway, including Japan's media moguls.

Up to this day, Espinosa has yet to collect even a single cent from that $150,000-purse. And Koizumi, now the manager of Filipino Randy Suico, hasn't even lifted a finger to recover that amount.

Just peanuts for Koizumi that's why it's not worth his while collecting it?

Espinosa has filed a case but, sadly, Koizumi is not with him in what Espinosa, 37, now labels "the fight of my life."

The case is still pending at a Manila court, rotting, it seems, in the hands of a second judge seemingly not too interested also in resolving it in the quickest possible time.

Oh, well, what else is new?

Over here, justice is so slow it can get to the moon quicker than an ant.

But going back to Asian boxing—boxing promotions in Asia to be exact.

Indeed, how come our boxers receive purses in Asia that are excessively low compared to those being given in America?

I believe a call is in order to review the fight scene in Asia.

Will such powerful boxing bodies, like WBC and WBA, step in, please, and start digging the records? How about a full-length, well-researched article on this by Ring Magazine, the bible of world boxing?

Somebody has to make the first move.

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FASTBREAK. On March 20, Pampanga residents can watch the Pacquiao-Morales fight live on Pay-Per-View worth only P200. A first in the Philippines, the service is from Channel 67 of ACCTN's Comclark Network. Call Dennis Anthony Uy's staff at (045)-3235215 or (045)-8928890 for more details ... Oops! Jun Jun Plana and Bong Brobio were also part of the winning Manila Southwoods team in the recent 58th PAL Interclub in Bacolod City.

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The Bellevue Hotel holds The 2nd Bellevue Cup

THE BELLEVUE Hotel, the premier business and leisure destination south of Metro Manila, holds The 2nd Bellevue Golf Cup on March 15. This prestigious annual golf event is aimed at promoting camaraderie among Alabang's movers and shakers, as well as a gesture of appreciation for The Bellevue's esteemed clients and devoted friends.

This highly anticipated tournament at the Alabang Country Club will be having veteran host and golfer Johnny Litton as tournament director. Primary giveaways will be handed out upon registration, while the rest will be distributed at the final awarding. This will take place at The Bellevue's Grand Ballroom, a two-story structural masterpiece with a 1000-person maximum capacity.

Aside from lavish giveaways and raffle prizes, including a golf holiday at Interval awardee Fairways and Bluewater in Boracay, the awarding ceremony features a special show by comedienne Tuesday Vargas. For inquiries, call 771-8181.

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'Easter Sleepover Eggsperience' at Waterfront

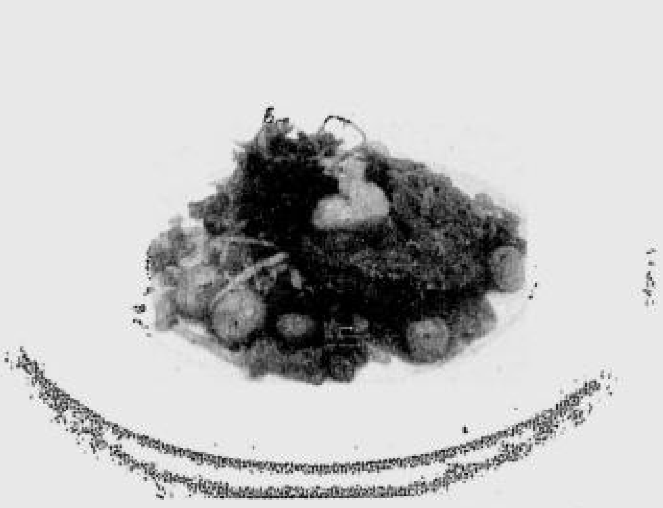
PAINTING eggs in bright colors with pretty designs is a popular Easter pastime that particularly delights children. Other customs include the practice of wearing new clothes on Easter Sunday, and the traditional Easter egg hunts and Easter rabbits. Eggs were originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring, and were used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.

Celebrate this festive occasion at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel & Casino (WCCHC). With 562 guest rooms and well-appointed suites, the hotel is certainly a sight to behold. From March 21 to 27, avail yourself of the "Easter Sleepover Eggsperience". Local residents who want to spend the Easter Holidays at the heart of the city can avail themselves of the Hotel's Superior Room for only P2,999 net per night, single or double occupancy.

The Sinulog Weekend Package includes exclusivities and privileges that will keep you busy during your stay. The package is inclusive of daily breakfast buffet for two at Café Uno, a complimentary chocolate Easter bunny, complimentary use of the swimming pool, complimentary entrance to the Casino Filipino, a 10-percent discount on laundry and pressing services, and a 10-percent discount on all Hotel-owned restaurants: Café Uno, the Lobby Lounge, Café Fortuna, Pool Aquarius, Madeleine, La Gondola, Treff Bar and Tin Gow. Plus, a late check-out privilege until 3 p.m.

For inquiries and reservations, call 232-6888 local 8107 to 8109 and 8132.

Graduation tributes at Manila Pavilion Hotel



GRADUATIONS, though signifying an end, are such happy milestones. This is why Manila Pavilion Hotel fetes the graduates-and their families-to different offerings in two of the hotel's outlets.

At the Rotisserie, the Class of 2005 treats the graduates to a set menu consisting of Crunchy Shrimp Roll with Cucumber Mustard Dip, Gazpacho Shooter with Olives and Herb Crostini, Grilled imported Rib-Eye Steak on Peppery Onions, Warm Apple Pie and Caramelized Pecan Nut Ice Cream and pralines. This is available for lunch and dinner at P800 ++ per person. In addition, diners will receive a special room promo voucher that entitles them to an overnight stay in the hotel's newly refurbished deluxe room for only $70 net.

At the Café Coquilla, the Graduation March allows groups of six to pay only for five heads, treating the sixth person to dinner for free. Guests will surely enjoy this buffet dinner, as the Café Coquilla showcases a cuisine of different themes every night. Take your pick from these themes: Spanish on Mondays, International on Tuesdays, Filipino on Wednesdays, Italian on Thursdays, Seafood on Fridays, Asian on Saturdays, and International again on Sundays. The Graduation March is available from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at P750++ per person.

After successfully completing an academic journey, it's only right to let the graduates indulge! Treat them to the Class of 2005 and Graduation March until March 31. For reservations and inquiries, call Manila Pavilion Hotel at 526-1212 extension 2505 (Rotisserie) and 2318 (Café Coquilla).

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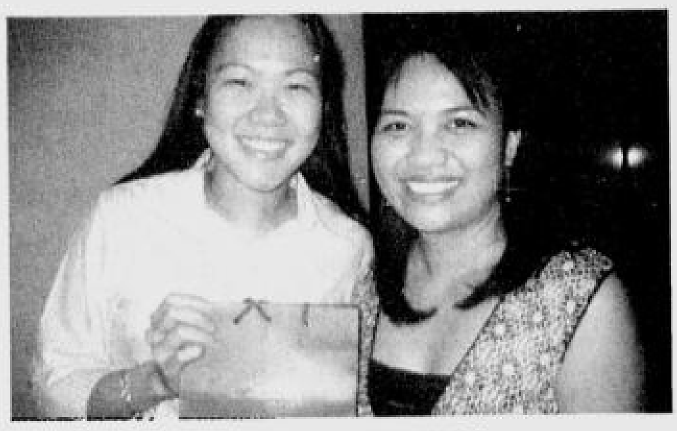

LUCKY ASTORIA PLAZA VALENTINER

Lucky Astoria Plaza diner Vanessa Uy receives a gift bag containing an 18-karat gold and pearl pendant from Jewelmer senior sales officer Kate Lagman, which she won during the Valentine's Day raffle draw at the Ambassador Penthouse Suite of the Astoria Plaza. Jewelmer was one of the marketing partners of Astoria Plaza in their successful Valentine's Day promo.

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Turning the tables on Oprah

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

By Ruben V. Nepales
LA Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—Oprah Winfrey can't help being Oprah Winfrey, talk show host, even when the tables are turned on her.

She says intermittently: "Let's move on," or "I could go on and on but I'll stop myself to help our moderator pace the press conference."

The room is packed. Not since Barbra Streisand have there been so many of my Hollywood Foreign Press Association colleagues in attendance, eager to ask questions.

Oprah, in a colorful Valentino blouse, entered the room earlier with Halle Berry to talk about their TV movie, "Their Eyes Were Watching God." Oprah is the producer, while Halle stars in this adaptation of a novel written by Zora Neale Hurston in the 1920s. It's not every day that we get two of the most successful women in entertainment in one room.

Halle, however strikingly beautiful she is, plays second fiddle to Oprah during the interview. Not that Oscar's first ever black Best Actress winner minds. The ladies are obviously close, often leaning against each other, their curly hair threatening to tangle. But when Oprah is around, the room is all hers.

Throw in expansive gestures and you can visualize this noontime encounter. She puts her hands on her chest or stabs the air with a finger to drive home a point. It helps that she is obviously a good listener and well-informed.

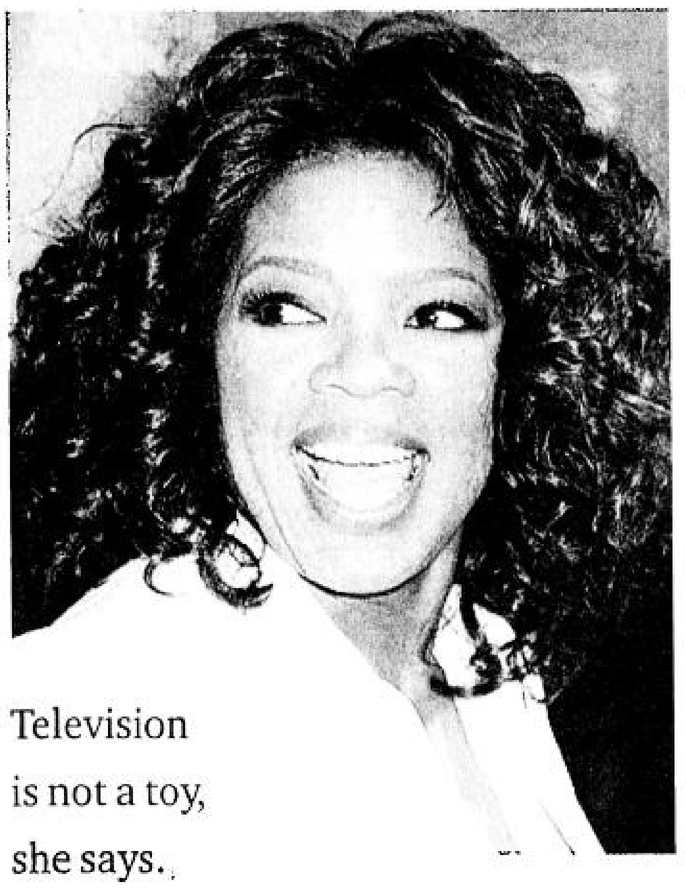
A sense of humor completes the package—it lightens and balances her statements when things get too serious, too New Age-ish or mawkish. Pointing a finger at the assembled journalists, she declares, "You're never ever going to catch me in a compromising position—in a swimsuit or naked. You know why? If I'm putting a swimsuit on, it's to go in my pool in my home behind my gate."

Later in the evening, at the premiere screening of "Their Eyes" at the El Capitan Theatre on Hollywood Boulevard, Oprah the producer is very much the take-charge gal. She goes up the stage to introduce the movie and the cast. Afterward, at a lavish after-party catered by Wolfgang Puck at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Oprah shows why she is such a beloved public figure. Usually at these parties, there is an inner sanctum where mere mortals are not allowed. In the absence of that room, the stars surround themselves with hulking guys in suits. Not Oprah. She is out there. We get to talk to her again.

At 51, the woman who knew at age four that she was meant for something bigger than this "dirt road in Mississippi" is the first black billionaire. While most of us define "major purchase" as anything that involves forking over an amount in the three digits, Oprah mentions matter-of-factly, without at all meaning to brag, that a big buy for her involves an amount over a million dollars. She balances her love for Jimmy Choos shoes and magnificent estates with philanthropy. Last year, she donated $50 million to charity.

You and Halle are at the top. Michael Jackson says the bigger you are, the more they want to bring you down. Do you find that this is true?

I love this question. I could talk about this all day because I have a theory. I've been "famous" for almost 20 years now. I've found that there really is an arc to it (being famous). Everybody has an idea of what a movie star should be and the moment you exceed that, the public [goes] oh, now, that's enough. That's a little too much. I've found that as long as I was in the million-dollar range, they would say, she's making a million dollars—oh, great for you. Because people like to think, oh, I could make a million dollars. I could win the lottery. But once you exceed the vision that people hold for themselves, they are offended that you have exceeded their expectation of themselves.



> Television is not a toy, she says. 'What I put out there is going to come back to me'

It's really not personal. I learned this from listening to the elders. When I first started to become known in public, I consulted other people who had been known for a while—Bill Cosby, Sidney Poitier, Maya Angelou, Quincy Jones—because this is not an easy journey. It looks glamorous and fun and all that but unless you handle it with grace, you will be destroyed. I was told to stay the course and learn to just be myself.

Can a girl have everything? If not, what is missing?

Oh, good question. Damn it, that's good. I think you can have everything but you can't have everything all at once. The very process of having everything and becoming a full person involves time and it involves evolving. The very process of evolving means that you have this now and then you learn from mistakes. I can absolutely say that I have a wonderful full life. I don't think anything is missing. I find great pleasure in the smallest things and in the grandest things. I have a great appreciation for life because I have come up through the ranks. I was raised in an environment where I had nothing.

Halle says to me, you don't feel that [need to have babies]? I never had that. It is different for every woman. I know women for whom getting married was . . . the answer. But I think at some point they wonder, is there more? And my answer is yes, there is.

People around the world are inspired to do things based on what they learn from you. Do you feel this pressure to be a role model?

I feel no pressure to do anything other than to be myself. My number one prayer for myself is God, please let me fulfill my potential while here on earth. The pressure is to use your life in such a way that fulfills you as a human being—mine happens to be on television, witnessed by millions of people. But I know there is a commonality in the human experience. This is why I knew when we first syndicated the show almost 20 years ago that it would be successful around the country and the world.

Every single human being wishes to be valued, so whether you're fighting with your 2-year-old about whatever, it's all about your wanting to be validated. Everybody wants to know, did you hear me and did that matter to you what I had to say? We've all experienced sadness, sorrows, defeats, rejection, humiliation and feeling like you weren't enough. If you can express that in a way that other people see themselves, that makes you more powerful, not less.

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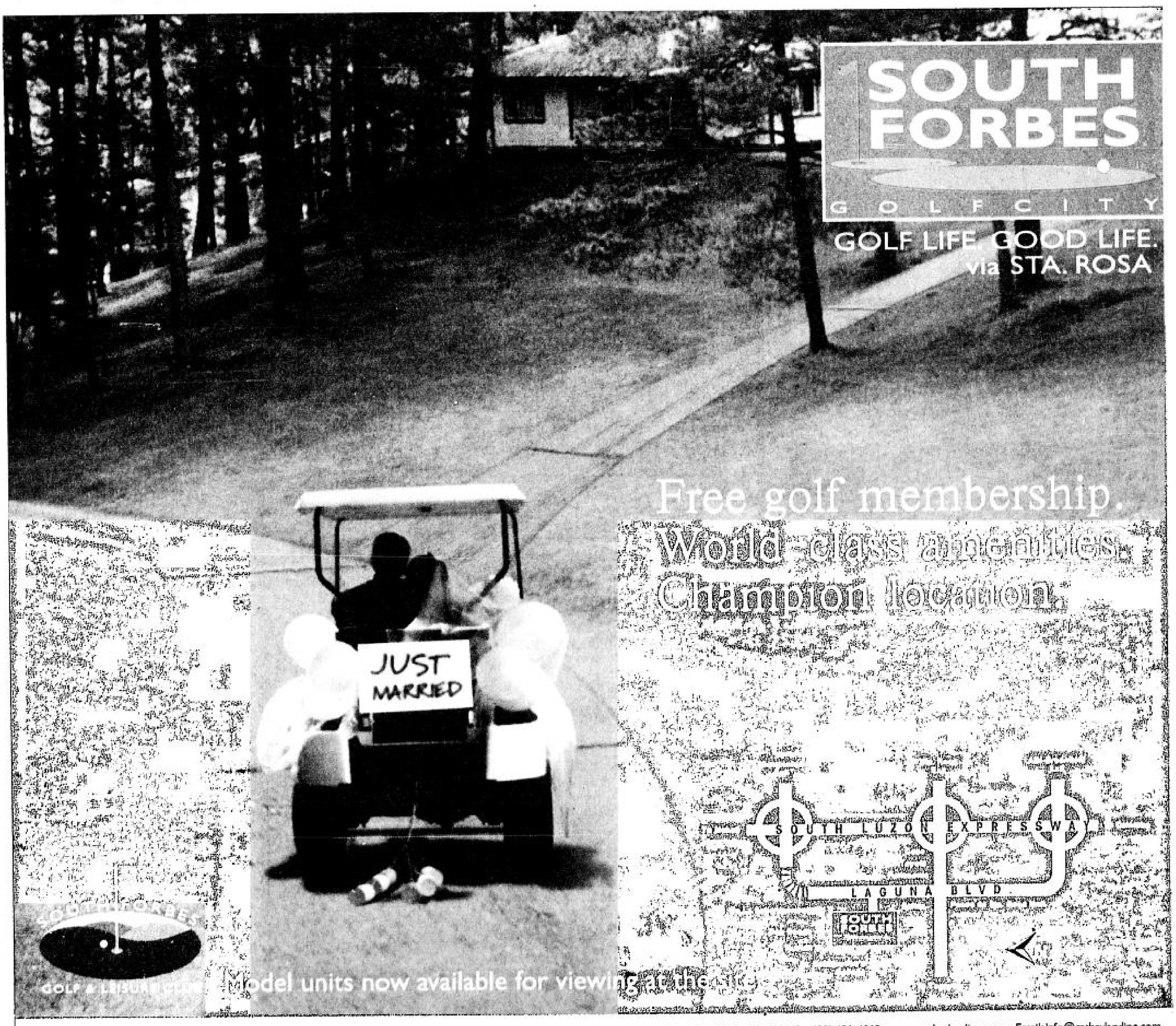

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What it takes to become a major star

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

MOST people who dream of entering show business aren't gunning for extra, cameo or supporting roles; they want nothing less than stardom! Trouble is, they don't really know what it takes to become a star.

Talent? Some performers are gifted thespians, but many of them don't achieve stardom. Good looks and a sexy body? That works for some, but their stellar careers may not last that long if they don't have other qualities to boost their chances for decades-long stardom.

Connections? Yes, girlfriends and boyfriends of producers become stars in their lovers' productions, but career longevity also eludes them. Ambition? That's a dynamic asset to have, but it can turn some important people off.

Versatility? Good PR and career management? Charisma, or the so-called X-Factor?—Also key skills and attributes to have. But, it's a *combination* of positive qualities that really works.

> Talent, connections, versatility, drive... in short, a combination of positive qualities

Let's hear it from the experts, industry observers who recently came up with a list of US movies' 50 top stars: How did they go about drawing up their topnotch stellar compilation, and what can their process of selection teach us about the most crucial success indicators for stardom?

First, they made it clear for themselves that they weren't honoring great actors, only major stars who had generally been popular for a long time. That's why legendary thespians like **Lawrence Olivier** and **Harvey Keitel** aren't on their list.

Then, they formalized their other touchstones for stardom: Glamour, cultural resonance, career duration, unique connection with audiences, and acting ability.

In terms of career duration, they chose stars who enjoyed careers that lasted much longer than 10 years. The only exceptions were **Marilyn Monroe** (10 years) and James Dean (two years).

Also, they noted that they had chosen only a few comedians, and observed that this could be explained by the bias against comedy performers as being more "lightweight" than "serious" actors.

And only a few black stars were selected, indicating another bias, this time with a racist tinge to it.

So, the final list did not reflect an objective evaluation, only an appreciation of the stars who, for one reason or another, had impinged themselves into the viewing public's consciousness and affections for many years.

The "50 Greatest Stars" list's Top 5: 5) **Ingrid Bergman**, due to her beauty, charisma, fine performances, and scandal (her affair with director **Robert Rossellini**).

4) **John Wayne**, because he firmed up the macho image of the male movie star, and thus became a masculine icon for all ages.

3) **Tom Cruise**, today's most bankable star.

2) **Marilyn Monroe**, who epitomized sexiness on the movie screen, and was an interesting actress besides.

1) **Cary Grant**, who tops the list because he was the epitome of gentlemanly urbanity and strength. Even more impressively, he didn't have a "good" family background, and had to surmount many challenges before he reinvented himself as the screen's most dashing romantic hero.

A final note: the people who drew up the list predicted that the next big star who'll really make it in the next few years is—**Will Smith**! Hope that makes up for the list's perceived bias against black performers!

WILL Smith is predicted to be the world's next major star

'Bunso'

A PREVIEW of the documentary "Bunso" will be presented at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall as part of the silver anniversary celebrations of the British Council in the Philippines. **Ditsi Carolino**'s film is a haunting chronicle of the life of children in Philippine jails, where they share facilities with hardened adult inmates.

Carolino was a scholar in 2001-2002 at the National Film and Television School in England. "Bunso," which is edited by British editor **Emile Guertin**, is a fine example of Filipino-British collaboration.

'Lost'

EVERY Thursday at 9 p.m. starting March 17, AXN screens "Lost," a compelling new series about 48 survivors who fight to stay alive on a tropical island "with a malicious mind of its own," after their plane mysteriously tears apart over it.

Even as the survivors' secrets start to emerge, they realize they have to put their conflicting views aside and rally together—or die.

'Ciento'

ON MARCH 15, the Baguio Country Club will mount "Ciento," an art exhibit of works by eight prominent visual artists, for the benefit of Migi's Corner Foundation.

Participating artists are **Araceli Limcaco-Dans, Aladin Antiqueño, Angelo Baldemor, Joven Ignacio, Felipe Mayoya, Azor Pazcoguin, Tito Sanchez** and **Janice Young**. The artists will also offer workshops to the public during the exhibition's run (until March 30). Call 4008387 or (074) 6192050.

Migi's Corner Foundation provides financial assistance for medicines or surgery of children in charity hospitals run by the government.

'The Magic of Ordinary Days'

THE HALLMARK Channel screens "The Magic of Ordinary Days" today. The film shows the effects of a world war, how it shapes the destinies of strangers, and the nature of trust and love.

Livvy Dale (**Keri Russell**) gets pregnant out of wedlock and is forced into a marriage of convenience. She discovers that her husband (**Skeet Ulrich**) is a lonely man trying to recover from the loss of a brother killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Easter Egg Hunting Craze

AT 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 27, the Dreamscape family entertainment center holds its Easter Egg Hunting Craze. Aside from the traditional egg-hunting challenge, there will be fun-filled parlor games and an egg-painting contest.

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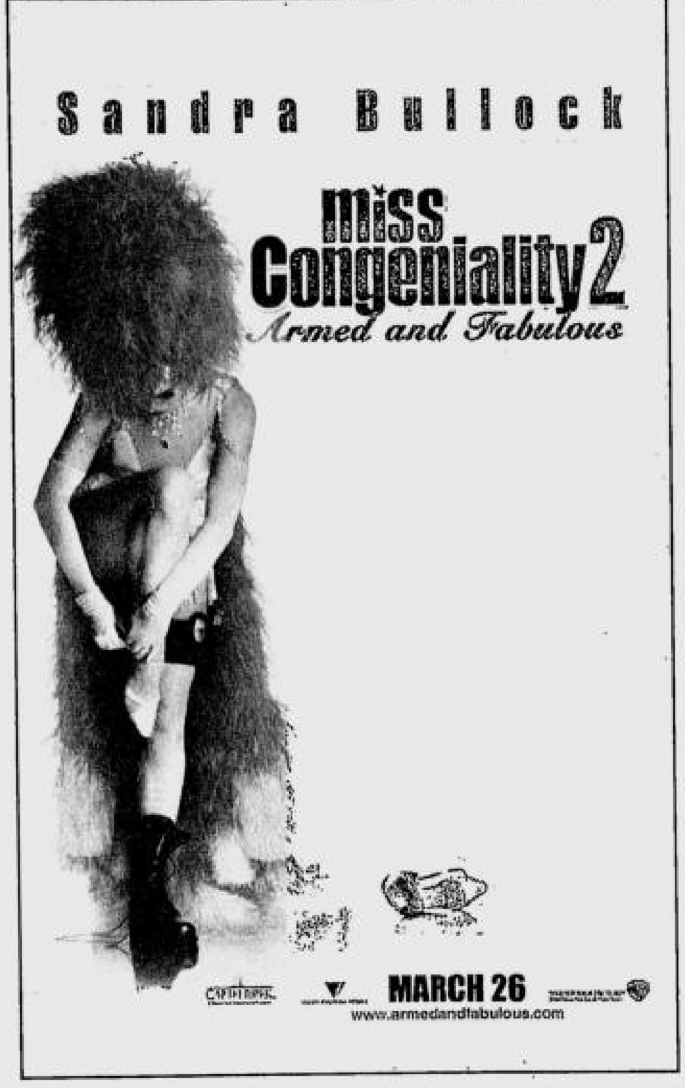

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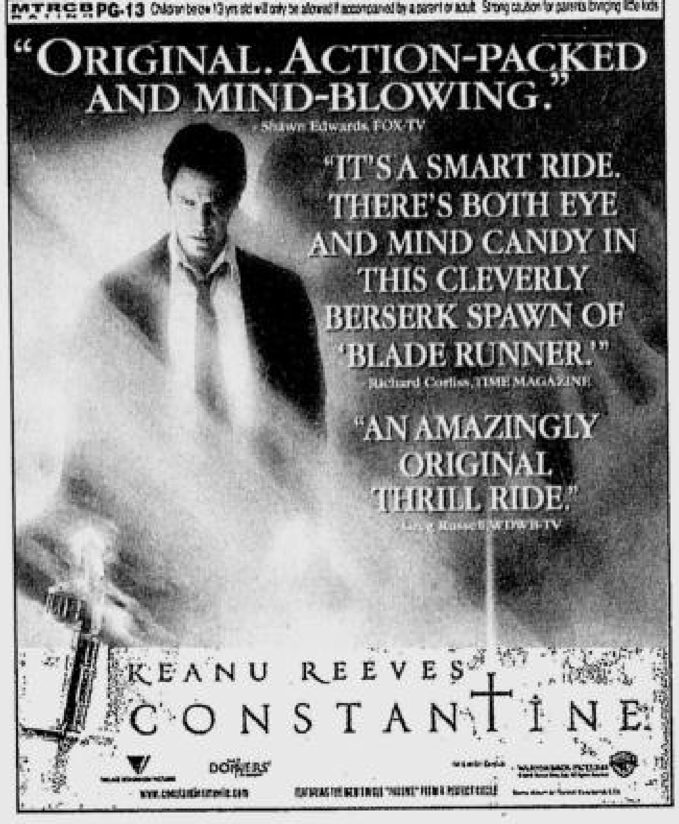

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Turning the tables on Oprah

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When did you realize you were different and what was your dream?

I wanted to be out of Mississippi (laughs). I was a kid on the dirt road with the nearest neighbor a mile down the road. The kids would come up to our house and play. I was, from an early age, the person out there reciting Bible stories to them so I've always known that my life would be bigger than that dirty road in Mississippi. I started to feel that when I was about 4 years old.

I still have dreams for myself. I believe that the foundation of the show and the foundation of creating movies like "Their Eyes" is being able to speak to the world in a larger way than I already have.

I do have a full, full life. I have so much fun. I was at Jimmy Choo's yesterday. I still love all that stuff (laughs). For me, the only difference between being known and not, is that more people know your name. Okay, now that more people know my name, how can I use that for something that's bigger than myself, bigger than me getting off on you knowing my name? The show, being in 116 countries, has created a platform to speak to the world. The fact that people listen to me about what kind of books and what I think we should do to help kids in Africa—that can be used to become a force that is greater than entertainment television.

Where is that line between buying a pair of Jimmy Choos and spending the money instead to help someone get health care, for instance?

Gee, thank you all for your thoughtful questions. You know when my dilemma comes? When buying art. A couple of art pieces have gotten away. To this day, I really do wish I bought them but at the time, I was financially prepared to spend the money, but I wasn't psychologically prepared. For a painting that costs millions of dollars, for example, I would say, oh, I could donate to a school . . . or help build two schools.

Now I'm at a point where I could do both but every time I have to do a major purchase and that means something that would be over a million dollars, I think about the long-term value or investment to me versus what I could do for others. [But] for me to walk around being as poor as the people I want to help is not going to help them. For me to be wearing a cheap pair of shoes isn't going to make your life better (laughs).

You urge people to read more. Can you talk about that responsibility?

I never think about my life in terms of responsibility. Your actions tell people who you are more than anything. There's this new book out called "Blink" that everybody is reading. Why didn't I write that book? It's about acting on instinct and operating from the center of yourself and being guided by what you believe is the right thing to do, the feeling that says this is right or that feeling that says I don't know, I should wait. I grew up reading and that's just the most natural thing. I don't watch a lot of television, I must

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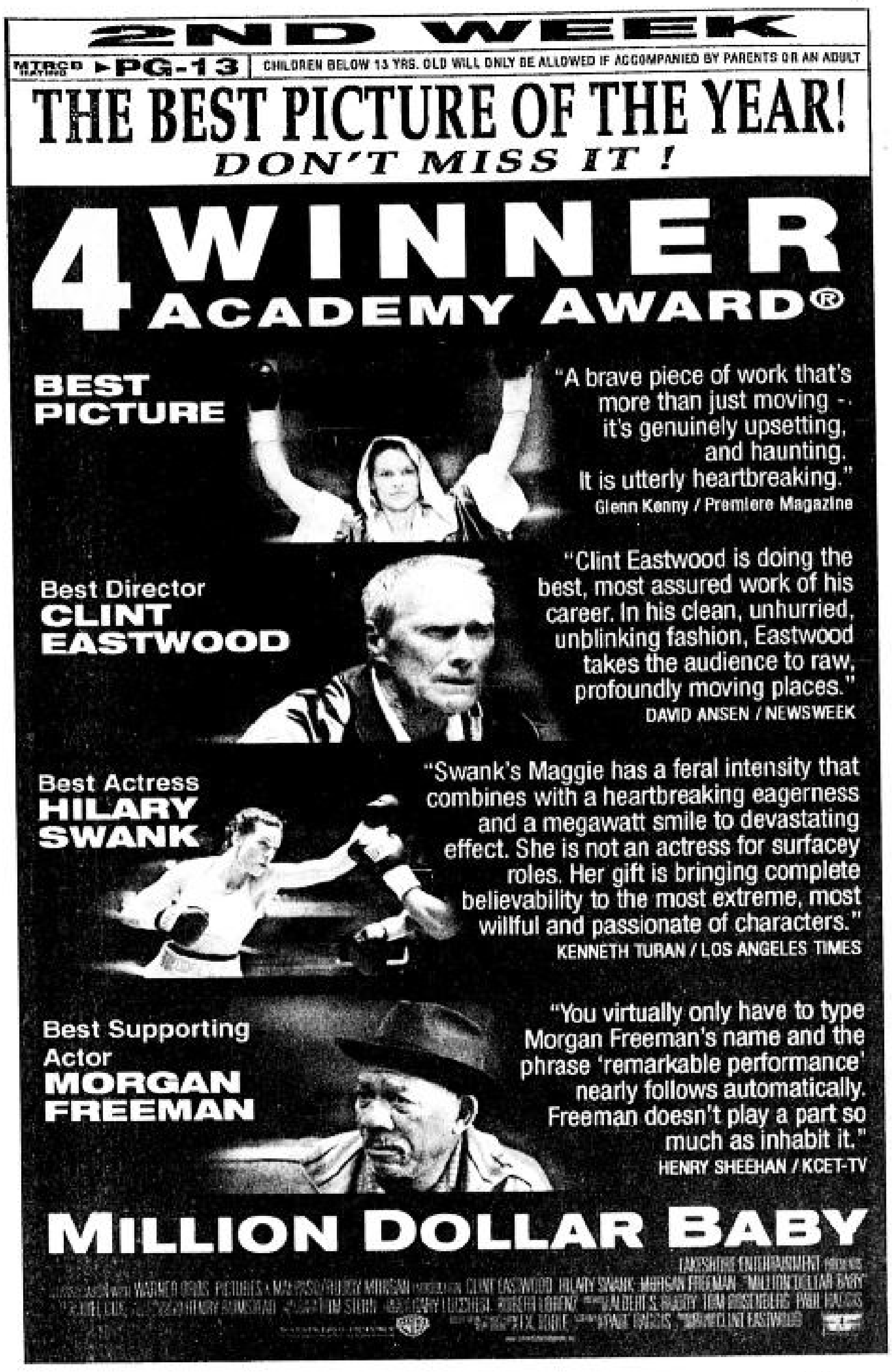
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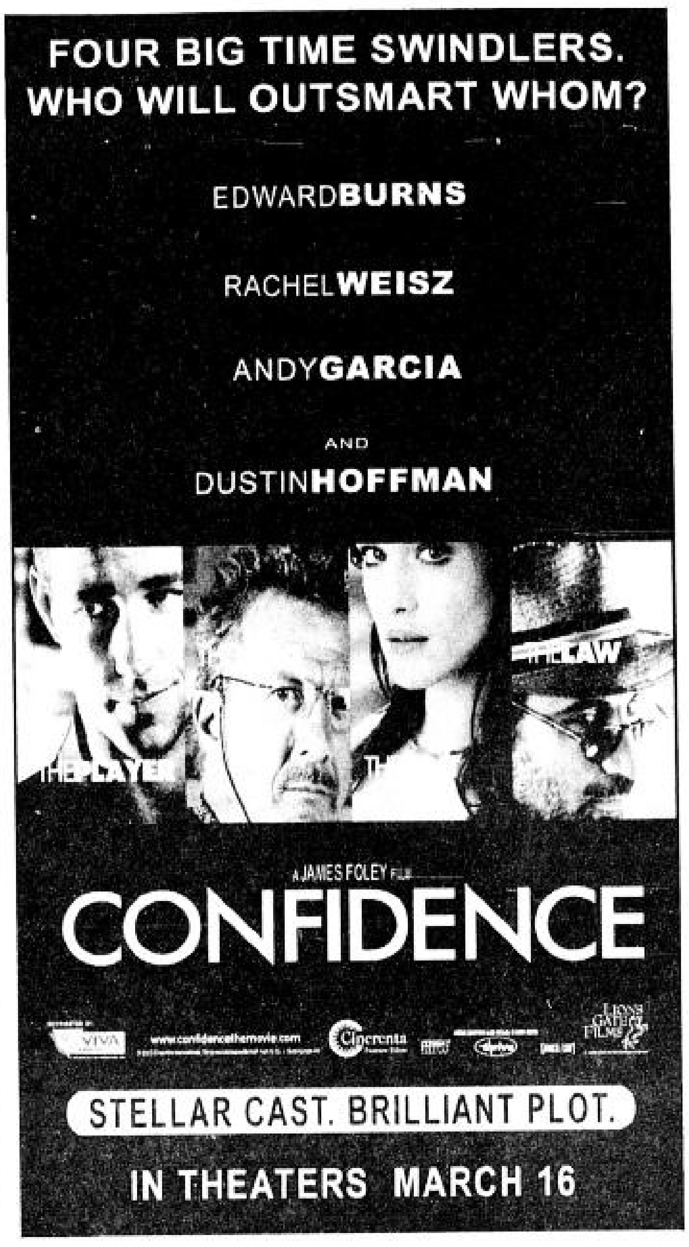
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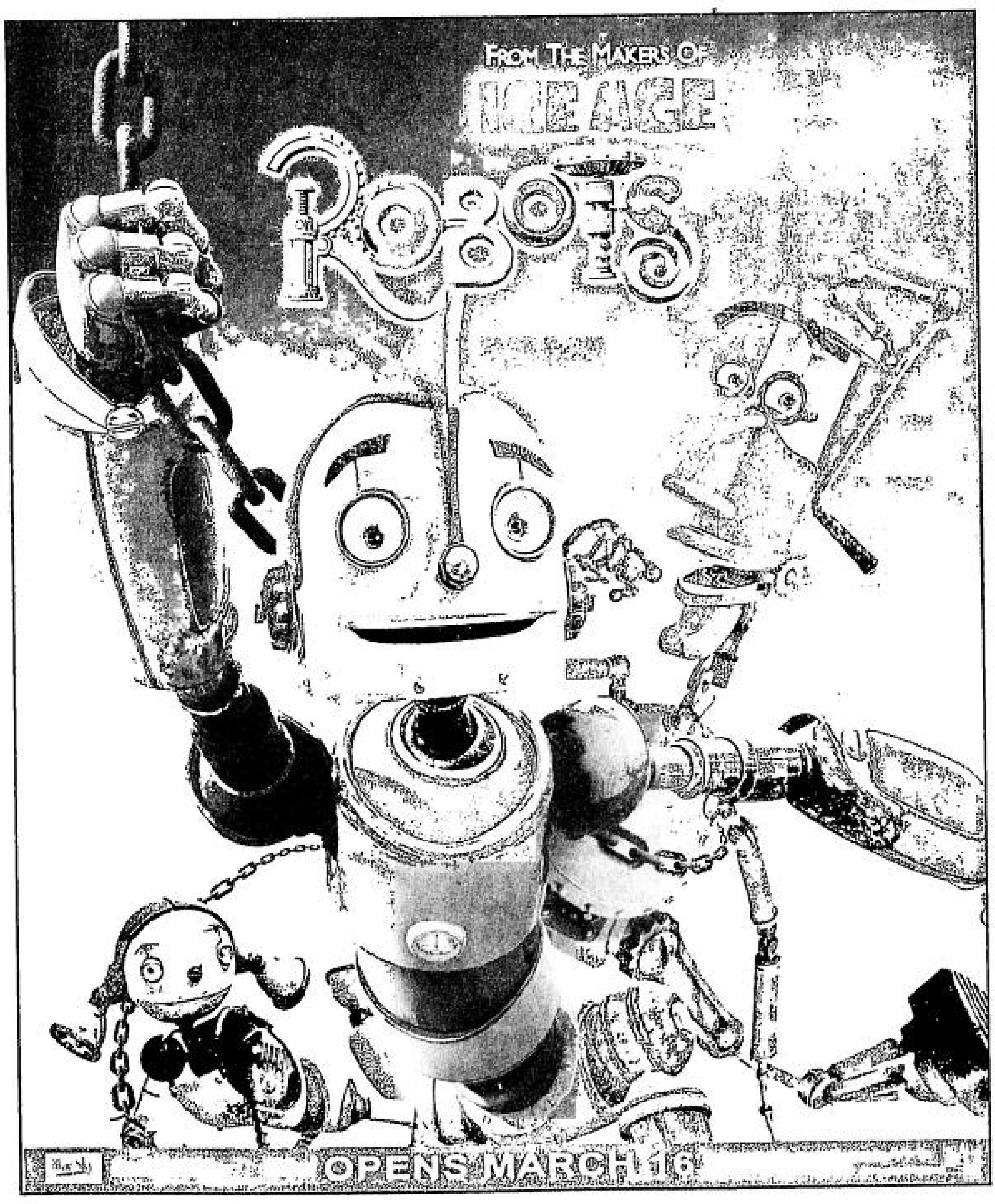
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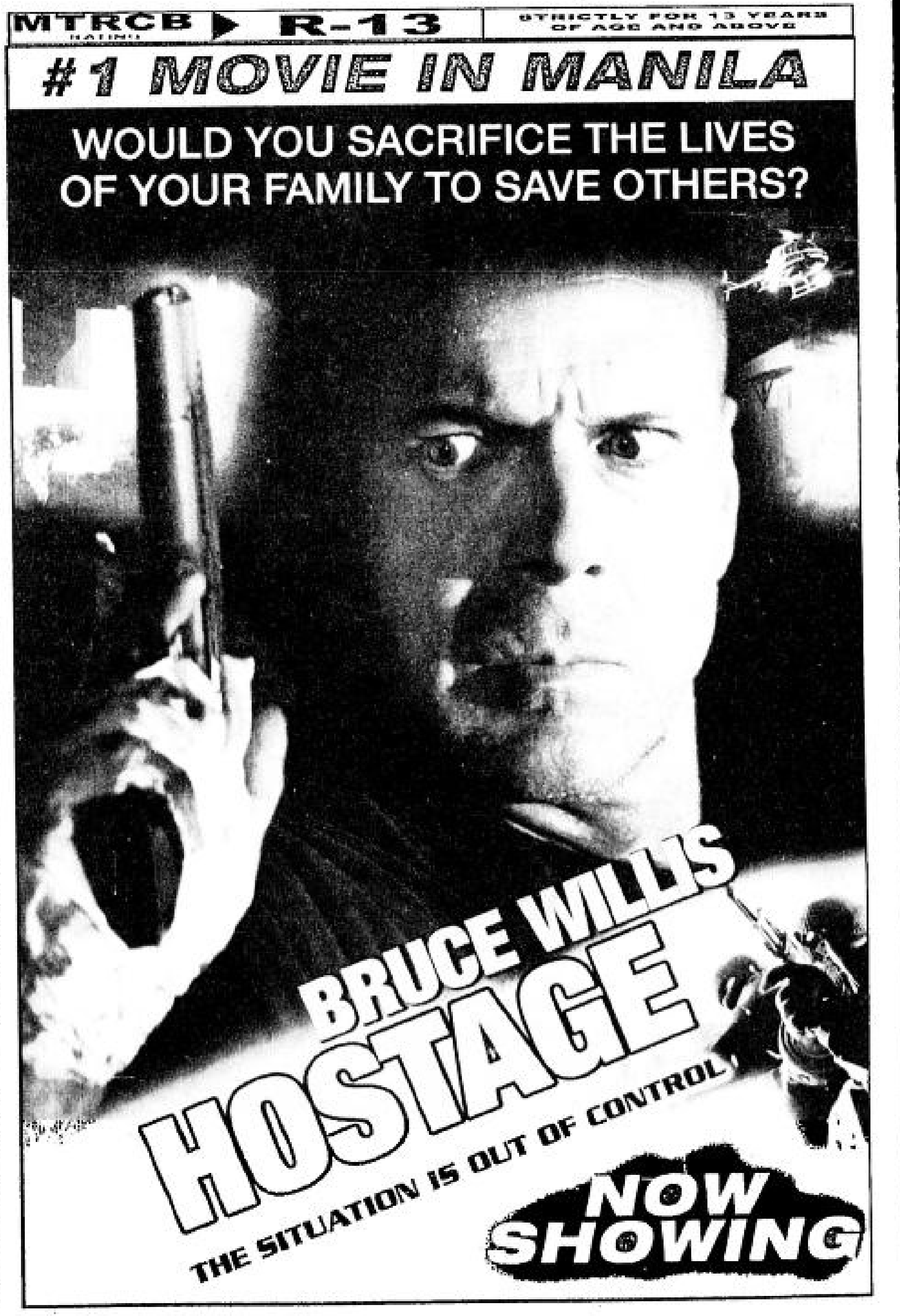
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say. I am like the cobbler's kids who have no shoes. People say, where do you find time to read? I find time to read because I don't watch television. I read to comfort myself, to relax, to make myself feel better. I read when I have a little time, when I have a lot of time. It's just a natural process. It's not a sense of responsibility; it's what I like to do.

What do you think of the quality of television programming these days?

I think everybody is just doing whatever they know. It's not really fair for me to comment on what other people do. I am one of the few people I know, probably the only person I know in this business, who isn't in it for the money. I've made more money than almost anybody else in the business but I can honestly tell you that I wasn't in it for the money. Unbelievable that I get paid for doing something that I love so much. Because money has never been the goal, I've always looked for ways to use myself as a force for something that isn't about me or my personality.

I realized something a long time ago when I was interviewing the Ku Klux Klan. During a commercial break, I thought to myself, this is doing nobody, not one single person, any good. I thought, oh well, I think these people need to be exposed for what they are, and viewers need to know that this kind of violence and terrorism exists within our country. During that commercial break, I just saw it. I thought, this is not doing me any good, karma-wise. This is going to come back to me. In that moment, and that was somewhere early in the '90s, I realized that television is nothing to play with.

There's a great responsibility that comes with owning the airwaves and [getting inside] peoples' homes. What I say needs to be of some meaning because whatever I put out is coming back to me.

I will comment on the state of television, where people are made over to look like Halle Berry or Jennifer Aniston. Well, honey, that ain't going to happen. You know why? Because what makes Jennifer Aniston look like Jennifer Aniston, what makes Halle Berry look like Halle Berry is not just a physical appearance. It's all the sadness, joys, victories and defeats and all the life experiences that they bring to this body that make it different.

So what can be done to improve the quality of television fare which is not only bad but potentially dangerous, especially to young viewers?

What is on the air now is obviously making money for people and as long as it makes money, then that's what they will do.

Why did you feel hesitant to offer this movie to Halle right after she won an Oscar?

I was a little nervous because even though Halle and I have been friends for a while, I never had a friend who won the Oscar (laughs). I was thinking that she's going to have so many offers that I should get mine in first. I'm glad I had the home number (laughs) and did not have to go through Vince, the agent. I'm glad she said yes.

What is it about the book's story that made you want to adapt it into a movie?

My whole life is about empowerment of women and letting people see the strength of your life through you, not talking about it as much as allowing people to see and to feel it. To me, this character written by Zora Neale Hurston over half a century ago represents empowerment in a way where you're not waving a banner about it, you're not carrying a flag, you're not preaching.

Wouldn't parts of this movie get you in trouble with self-appointed guardians of public morals?

Oh, the kiss! The kiss stayed in. I was going to fight for that kiss because I wanted that kiss so badly. Halle, (director) Darnell Martin and (actor) Michael Ealy all said that they were going to reinvent kissing with that love scene. I think they did. I'm sure there are going to be complaints, but it's just a kiss. It really is. A kiss is just a kiss.

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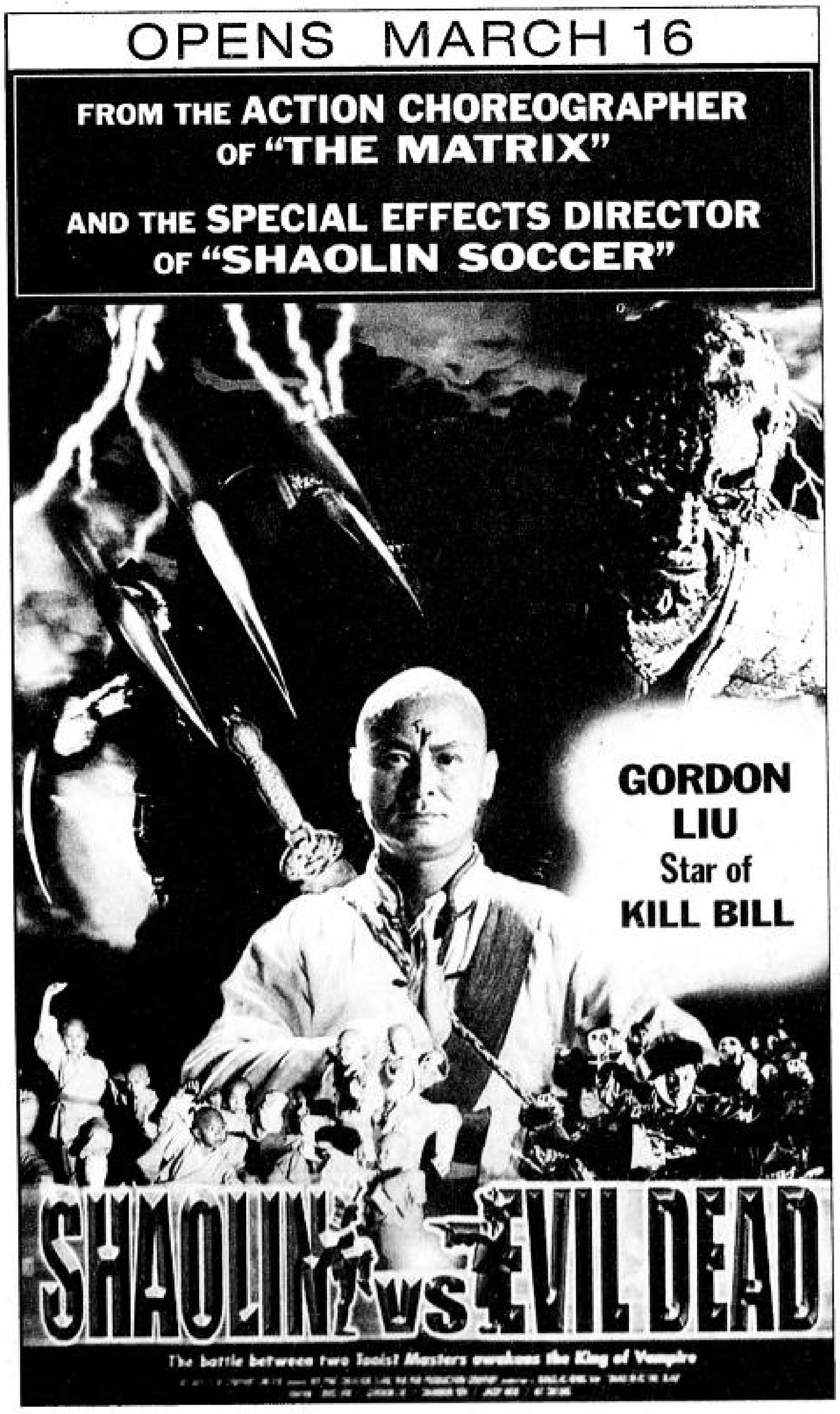

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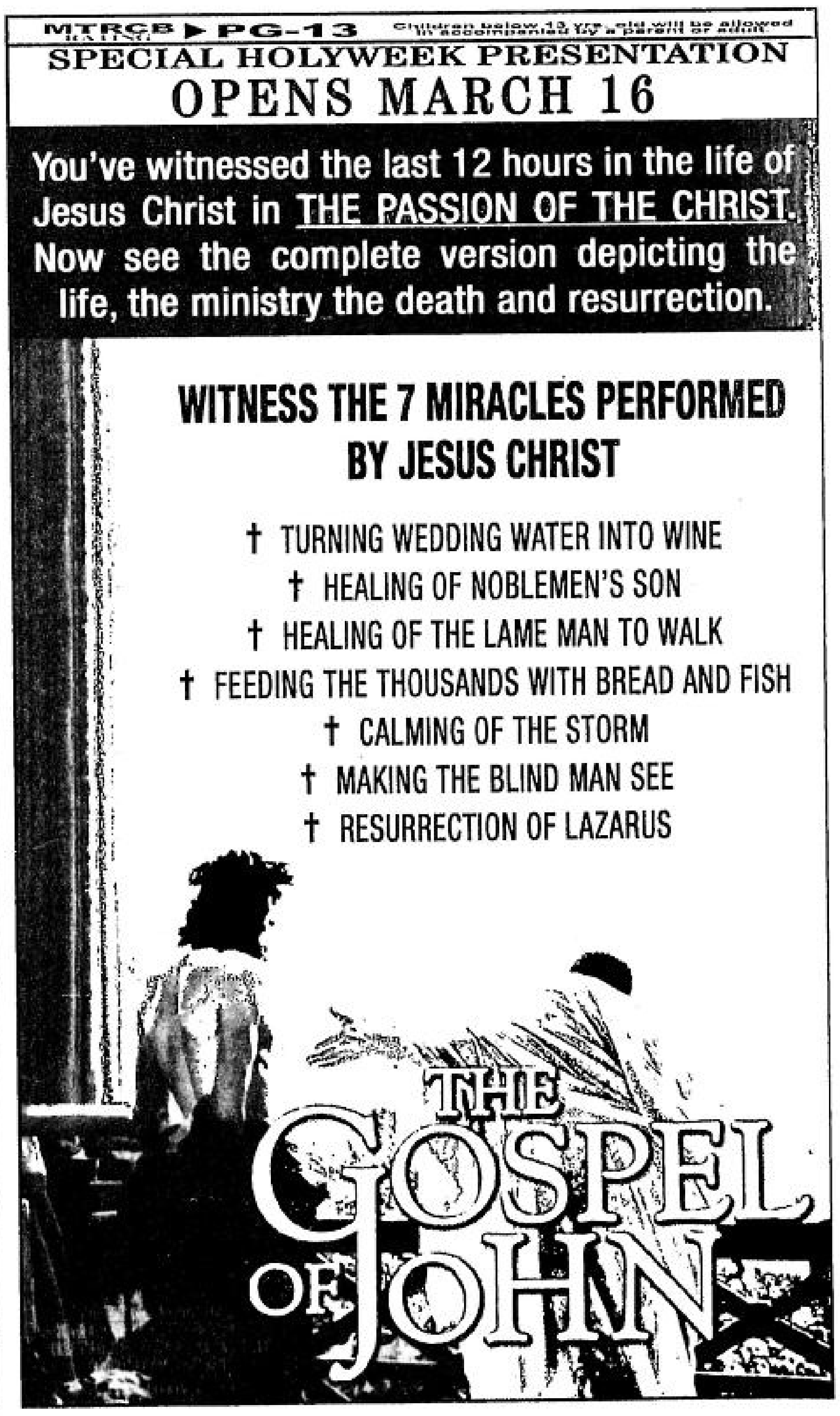

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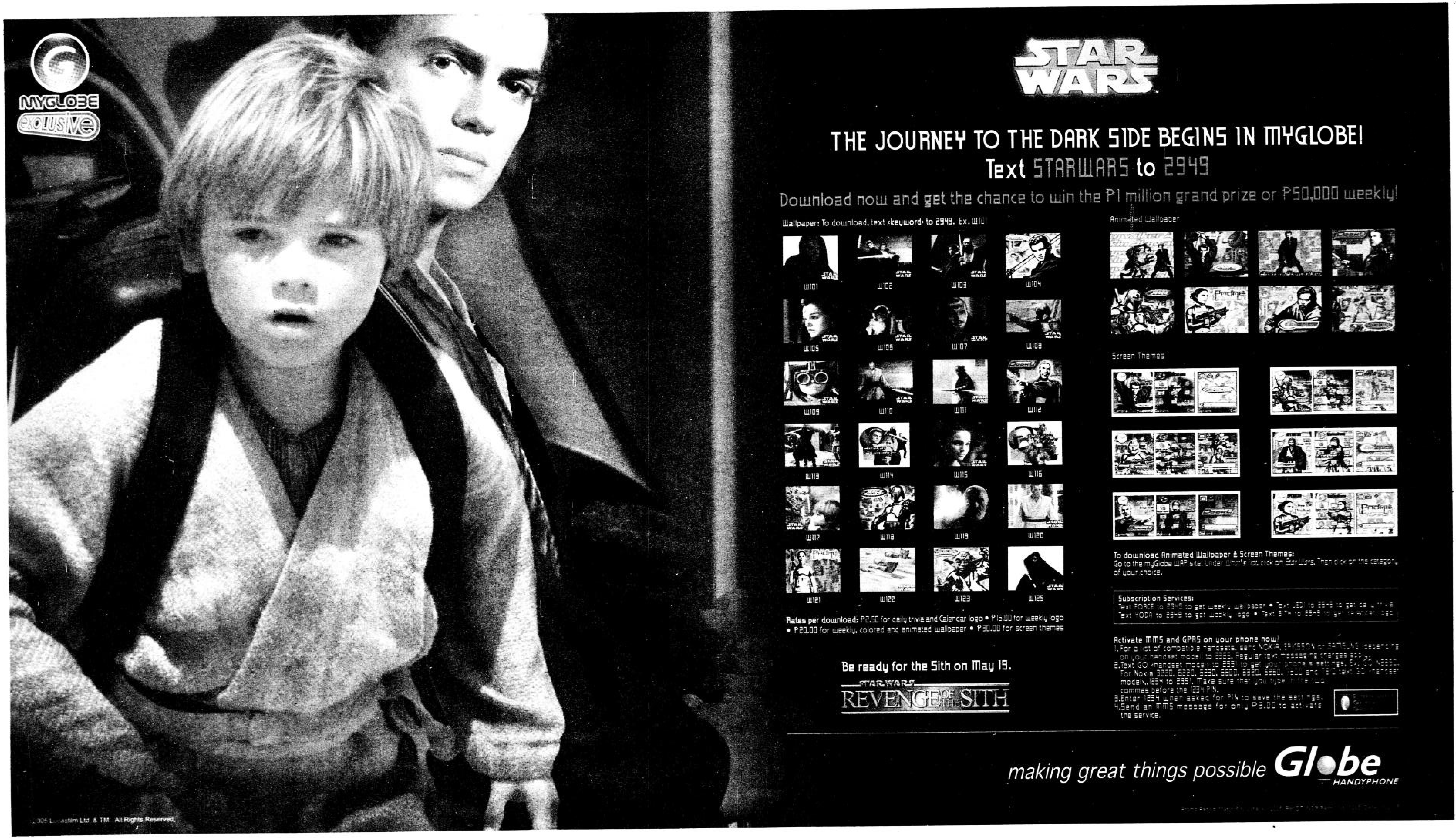

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Custom-made memories

By Naughty & Nice

'Birhen ng Manaoag'

Directed by Ben M7 Yalung

OVERHEARD at the popcorn-and-chips kiosk, this pained exchange—not exactly a conversation—between N & N.

Nice: A few minutes into the movie, I wanted to sweep the theater's floor. I thought, "I should start from the left side." Then I started praying: "Mother Mary, help me sit through this." But then, I'm just human. The headache came, then the confusion. I felt like throwing up, and it wasn't the popcorn.

LAURICE Guillen's daughter, Ina Feleo, plays the Virgin of Manaoag.

Naughty: I warned you before we got the tickets that some Tagalog movies could cause brain damage. We should sue the INQUIRER Entertainment staff.

Nice: From devotional, I turned delusional. My wallet was missing! My eyeglasses were gone! I ran to the washroom, where there was light, to check my belongings. Eventually, I found the wallet under the seat, and the glasses in my pocket. After which I ran again, this time toward the nearest exit. Had I made up that commotion just to escape the movie? The women in the cast were so pretty, you'd think that would have been enough to keep me in my seat. It wasn't.

Naughty: Hey, I'm supposed to be the not-so-nice person.

Nice: A buxom Joyce Jimenez is told by an anemic doctor that she's got leukemia, and only weeks to live. Then there's this videographer doing a documentary on the miracles of Manaoag, and she has a kid in tow all the time. This is annoying, except that the little girl is the only true artist in the movie. Her drawings of Mama Mary are worthy of a gallery show.

Naughty: The videographer—that's Jodi Santamaria. As an actress, she has the range of Vanna White in the game show "Wheel of Fortune." She's nice to look at, but please don't give her lines..

Nice: I wanted to listen to the testaments of the blind, infertile, sick and problematic devotees but I could not sit still. Instead of being awed when the virgin appeared to a farmer-*katutubo*, I laughed as the virgin slid in the forest like a cartoon character, and the farmer's feet got glued to the ground, like another toon. The decapitation of the Dominican priest, head roll and all, also sent me into a giggling fit. Then there's Joyce sighing rhythmically but rather mindlessly as she prayed. Except for the casting of Ina Feleo as the Virgin, everything's wrong with this movie.

REVIEW

Naughty: Good heavens! Ina Feleo played a statue! Do you really need to emote if you're playing a statue? Aren't you supposed to be frozen?

Nice: The director couldn't make up his mind between presenting the "miracles" in flashbacks or through "interviews."

Naughty: I wonder who wrote this dialogue delivered with courage and conviction by Cheri Pie Picache: "*Ginapang kita sa hirap para mabigyan kita ng magandang kinabukasan tapos maglalandi ka lang?*" Cyanide, please.

Nice: I could sit through bad exposures, if they're consistent—over or under? The night processions were thoroughly underexposed; the establishing shots were exasperatingly overexposed. The movie needs a makeover, and that is surely going to need a miracle!

Naughty: So let's go to Manaoag and pray that M7 gets slain by the spirit, sees the light and stops making movies like this. Father Peyton's "Mysteries of the Rosary" was better than this. And that was made in the '60s!

'The Final Cut'

Directed by Omar Naim

DIRECTOR Omar Naim with Robin Williams

NAUGHTY writes: I've been in love with Robin Williams from the time he played the lovable alien in the sitcom "Mork and Mindy." He has since played a number of memorable screen roles, making full use of his hyper personality—"Good Morning Vietnam," "Toys," "The Fisher King" . . .

You can't imagine my surprise when he started playing creepy characters like the solitary lab man who wants to belong to a family in "One-Hour Photo," or the serial killer in "Insomnia." Now this, the creepiest of them all—a "cutter" who, thanks to a Zoe chip which records a person's life from day zero to his death, assembles people's bio-footage into a memorial video for their funerals, editing out all the unpleasantness.

He thinks of himself as sort of a "sin eater" or, in less romantic terms, a PR person or a hack. Which is probably why his character is called Alan Hakman.

Nice didn't like this movie at all. I can't blame her. It sort of builds up to something and then . . . credits start to roll.

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Carmen Rosales, movie queen and war heroine

By Ernie Pecho
Contributor

PRE- and postwar movie queen

SET foot in Intramuros and every step you take will bring back the country's historic past.

There was no better venue than the National Commission for Culture and the Arts building along General Luna Street for the recent tribute to the movie queen who reigned the longest in Philippine film history. She was a true superstar before the word was invented, and she would have maintained her status if she hadn't willed herself to retire in the early '70s.

Time stood still inside the NCCA's Leandro Locsin theater when pillars of the entertainment industry recalled Carmen Rosales' unparalleled success story.

Dressmaker

Tiya Dely Magpayo, First Lady of Radio, recited a litany of Carmen Rosales box-office hits from the '30s to the early '60s.

"I saw her when she was first crowned Miss Radio," Magpayo said. "Her singing talent catapulted her to fame via popular radio shows in KZIB, KIIF and KZRM."

From Tiya Dely's account, we learned that the late movie queen was a dressmaker before she auditioned to become a radio singer.

"She finished dressmaking at MAFFEI Fashion School," Magpayo, 84, said. "She was so scared during her audition that she ran from the studio after her number."

YESTERDAY

Rosales was already a young housewife when she was offered by an independent movie producer to star in "Mahiwagang Binibini," based on the sarswela "Ang Kiri," which zarzuela queen and National Artist for Music and Arts Atang dela Rama originally starred in.

After the success of her first starrer, Rosales became a contract star of Sampaguita Pictures, the company that made her the undisputed movie queen during the pre/post war era. "Arimunding Munding," "Takipsilim" (her first team-up with Rogelio dela Rosa), "Señorita," "Colegiala" and "Lambingan" are only a few of the movies she made before the war.

She was also one of the stars —along with Norma Blancaflor, Liwayway Arceo, Fernando Poe Sr. and Angel Esmeralda—of the only movie produced during the Japanese Occupation, "Tatlong Maria."

Soprano Gloria Coronel performed a few of Mameng's hits, including "Pagdating ng Takipsilim" and "Maalala Mo Kaya."

Never-before-heard anecdotes about Rosales were likewise related by film industry leader and producer Marichu Vera Perez-Maceda.

Maceda, quoting an old magazine article, explained how Rosales became a heroine during the war: "Carmen's husband, Ramon Novales, was killed by the Japanese. So she joined the guerrilla movement and actually participated in encounters with the enemies. There was an incident when the actress, proving she was a sharpshooter, felled a *makapili* (traitor)."

Maceda said the Japanese Imperial Army found it difficult to persuade Carmen to star in "Tatlong Maria." She was told that all the people in a village in Pangasinan would be killed if she did not accept the offer.

Of course, the actress gave in. This could be the reason two Pangasinan towns were named after her—Carmen and Rosales.

Thus, it was an almost real-life role she portrayed in her first movie after the war, "Guerilyera." This was movie followed by the record-breaking blockbuster, "Probinsyana," by Premiere Productions. Carmen became the highest paid actress at the time, receiving P50,000 per film.

Her reign went on with the hits "Carmencita Mia," "Ang Selosa," "Huling Konsyerto," "Kampanang Ginto," in which she was re-teamed by LVN Pictures with Rogelio dela Rosa, "Camelya" and "Batalyon XIII".

Naughty

Her return to Sampaguita Pictures produced more blockbuster—"Maalaala Mo Kaya," "Ang Tangi Kong Pag-ibig," "Lydia" and "Iyong-iyo."

Maceda had amusing anecdotes, too, about Rosales as a young talent of Sampaguita Pictures: "She was shooting with the studio's new star, Alicia Vergel. During rehearsals, Carmen recited her lines word for word. During the actual take, Carmen deliberately jumbled the lines, confusing Alice."

Danny Dolor of Tribung Pilipino Foundation organized the tribute to Carmen Rosales, in cooperation with the NCCA.

There was also a screening of Rosales' unforgettable starrer, "Ang Tangi Kong Pag-ibig" from Sampaguita Pictures.

Sampaguita's matriach Mrs. Azucena Vera-Perez and her youngest daughter Chona graced the affair.

WITH illustrious screen partner Rogelio Dela Rosa

Catching up with JC Cuadrado

By Larry Leviste
Contributor

JC Cuadrado, ABS-CBN newest heartthrob, host of "Stardance" (which premiered this week), and a segment host of "Wazzup,Wazzup," still has no manager. He isn't part of Star Studio Talent Center, either. INQUIRER Entertainment had to track him down.

That is strange, because in this business, a talent definitely needs to have a manager, plus a personal handler. But this young man hasn't taken the normal route to get the breaks.

"Yeah, my career has taken off so fast that I've not had time to plot its business side," says the 19-year-old JC, who never used to complain about his killer schedule.

"My mom is concerned that I spend so much time away from my family. It doesn't help that I am out the door at 7 a.m. and come home just before midnight. My dad is very supportive, though. Although my studies at the University of Asia Pacific suffers, the money is good; I am able to help with household expenses."

JC (short for Juan Carlos) has always enjoyed performing. He joined school plays in grade school, and discovered his talent for hosting in a community event. Last June, a friend of his saw an ad for auditions in "Wazzup" and urged him to go.

Some 500 guys tried out for the job. JC's high I.Q. and presence of mind worked to his advantage.

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The producers picked 12 finalists, a number that was then narrowed down to four. The rest as they say is history.

But, JC admits: "It wasn't not easy. My Tagalog was shot. My biggest boo-boo was saying that a press release and a press con was the same thing. I flubbed my lines while interviewing Toni Gonzaga because I found her attractive."

But this fashion shoot JC does quite well. He knows what looks good on him. Tutto Moda is a perfect fit. The trendy Italian brand is marketed in the Philippines by Store Specialists.

JC says he idolizes Edu Manzano and Conan O'Brien in their hosting style and thinks Vanessa del Bianco, Bea Alonzo, Amanda Griffin are stunning. Given that he tends to pig out on Japanese food, he is critical of his weight, and vows to go on a workout regimen to shape up. Okay, but first, he has to find the time.

Oscars on RPN Carpet celebrates H'wood

TRUE to the Hollywood tradition of glamour and sytle, Solar Entertainement, Sari Sari, and Mandarin Oriental Hotel's Paseo Uno Lounge, rolled out the red carpet for the brightest luminaries from the local entertainment and fashion worlds, in the biggest pre-Oscars bash ever to be held in Manila.

Solar Entertainment was responsible for the live telecast of this year's Oscar Awards over RPN 9 last Feb. 28.

The pre-Oscar glitz-and-glam-festivity, dubbed Oscars on RPN Carpet, was all about style and class. Invitations were in DVD format, with a short video revealing details.

Upon arrival at The Paseo Uno, VIPs were chauffeured in luxurious Jaguars and led to the red carpet where bubbly host Bianca Valerio welcomed them and conducted brief interviews, just like in the famed Hollywood awards night. The interviews were beamed live onto the main venue and projected on a huge video wall.

SVIPS who walked the red carpet included one of local show biz's most beautiful screen actresses, Lorna Tolentino; stage and TV actress Pinky Amador, and actress Giselle Toengi, who arrived with husband Tim Walters. The couple had come fresh from their much publicized wedding in Boracay.

Also present were the oh-so handsome "Mulawin" TV show leading man Richard, and his twin brother Raymond, Manila Congressman Miles Roces, Mega magazine editor Carla Sibal and chef Ron Bilaro.

Among the models and TV personalities were: Georgina Wilson, Christopher Peterson, Cedric Carion, Ann Matoto, Belina Rios and Eric Cua.

Solar top honchos Wilson Tieng and Peter Chan Liong were striking in their red carpet best, as were RPN heads and Sari Sari executives.

Tieng promised guests this was only the first of more exciting events from Solar.

"We have many new shows that will premiere on RPN 9 this March and April so we're all very excited," he told Valerio.

"Who knows? Maybe next year we can send someone to Hollywood to give us a blow-by-blow account of the Oscar ceremonies," Cahn Liong added, to the delight of the guests.

The highlight of the evening was a funky glam fashion show with Manila's top models and celebrities. The Sari Sari Store signature mannequins, made up as classic movie stars, paraded outfits inspired by elegant Hollywood and distinct red carpet fashion.

The show reflected the retro glamour of Hollywood's 1930s and '40s golden era, inspired by the year's most nominated film, "The Aviator."

Special prizes were given out to cap the glittery affair. Fashion stylist Angelo Villanueva took home a pair of Gucci sunglasses for his knowledge of Oscar trivia. Raymond Gutierrez and Kat Tan were cited for Best Hairdo.

MARC Nelson and Chris Petterson

ACTRESSES Pinky Amador and Lorna Tolentino

EVENT organizers Sari-Sari marketing manager Denise Albert, Solar Entertainment's Mai Gonzales and Denise Seva

The Cascades set Manila concerts

THE CASCADES? But didn't they all die in a place crash?

This is the reaction that deejay and concert producer Steve O'Neal gets whenever he tells people that he is bringing The Cascades to Manila to perform—live.

"I myself grew up thinking the rumor was fact," says O'Neal.

So, for the record: The Cascades are alive and well.

The group popularized such well-loved and lasting songs as "Rhythm of the Rain," "Shy Girl," "The Last Leaf," "Angel on My Shoulder," "Let Me Be," "Dreamin'," "Lucky Guy," "My First Day Alone," "Punch and Judy," "There's A Reason," "I Wanna Be Your Lover," and "Was I Dreamin'."

The band got together in 1960 and was first called Silver Strands. They changed their name to Thundernotes, and finally, The Cascades.

Member of The Friends of Distinction, whom O'Neal's group also brought to Manila last year, told him The Cascades was very much alive.

Right then and there, O'Neal asked for the e-mail address of John Claude Gummoe, The Cascades' lead singer and songwriter.

Swift response

The producer recalls: "The response from John was swift. He informed me that the members individually still did recordings but not live performances."

Gummoe also said they were very much aware of the plane crash story, adding that it erupted only in Asia, and that they had no idea where it came from.

A fan through and through, O'Neal told Gummoe that it was a crime The Cascades no longer performed together, adding that thousands of Filipinos would be delighted to listen to them again.

To make a long story short, O'Neal's persistence paid off.

So it's a go for The Cascades in Manila.

"John jokingly suggested calling their concert 'Back From the Dead World Tour 2005,'" O'Neal says. "We all agreed on 'Cascades Alive! World Tour 2005.'"

The Cascades will perform on April 14, 9 p.m., at the Hard Rock Café, and April 15, 8 p.m., at the Araneta Coliseum.

THE CASCADES. From left, John Gummoe, Eddy Snyder, Ron Lynch, Tony Grasso and David Wilson.

SHOW TIME

Kilikili Monologues

A comedy show called the "Kilikili Monologues," which discusses women's problems with dark underarms, goes onstage today at the SM North Edsa Entertainment Center. Carmina Villaroel, endorser of the sponsoring Rexona Pro Balance, stars in the show, which will be telecast live on GMA Channel-7's SOP.

Nyoy Volante at Suburbia

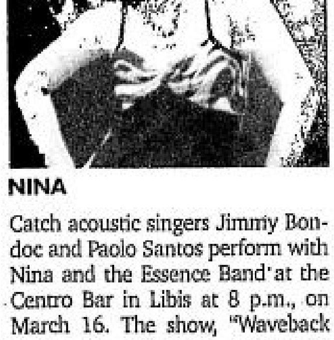
Nyoy Volante and the Mannos are the main attraction Wednesdays, March 16 and 31 at Manila's Suburbia Bar in Malate. Toy Symphony gives Tuesdays—March 15 and 29—a twist with their renditions of pop and revival hits. Livewire band takes center stage on March 22 with the best of '80s and '90s music.

Primeline artists in March

Recording artist Marielle performs every Thursday, 9:30 p.m., at Off the Grill on Timog Ave., Quezon City. The quartet A4—Dyords Javier, Pinky Marquez, Isay Alvarez and Bimbo Cerrudo—returns to the lounge series with a show at the Tavern on the Square Greenbelt 3, Makati, on March 15. Catch Tin Arnaldo in a one-night show at the Hyatt's Calesa Bar on March 18. Ladine Roxas will perform at the Century Park Hotel on March 16 and 30 and at Bagaberde on March 28 with guitarist Jerome and percussionist Lei. Singer-comedienne Bernie Uy perks up Merk's Bar at Greenbelt 3 on March 14, 21 and 28. New talents Jeli Mateo and Rizza Navales will be backed up by Jerome and Lei at Bagaberde on March 14 and 21. Show starts at 11 p.m.

TIN Arnaldo

Paolo, Nina, Jimmy at the Centro Bar



NINA

Catch acoustic singers Jimmy Bondoc and Paolo Santos perform with Nina and the Essence Band at the Centro Bar in Libis at 8 p.m., on March 16. The show, "Waveback Wednesday: Hit Songs When We Were in College," will feature hits from the '90s.

THE CAST of 'Martir sa Golgota'

CEOs sing timeless music

CEOs, COOs and top businessmen are the featured performers in a concert at the Meralco Theater on March 16 at 7 p.m. Atty. Frank Chavez, Jose Mari Chan and Nolyn Cabahug will head the the concert for the benefit the Character Building Foundation. For tickets, call 8905321 or 8959712.

Freestyle in Tagaytay

On March 19 at 9 p.m., Freestyle will perform live at the Tagaytay Highlands with the local band Strums. The show will coincide with the 8th President's Cup Golf Tournament at the Tagaytay Midlands Golf Course and is part of the Highlands' 10th year anniversary celebration.

'Martir sa Golgota'

Yul Servo will appear as Pontius Pilate in Tanghalang Sta. Ana's passion play, "Martir sa Golgota." Now on its 17th season. Performances at Plaza Morga, Rondo on March 21, Pagsanjan Town Plaza on March 22, Plaza Hugo, Sta. Ana on March 23, San Juan Plaza on March 24 and Glorietta Activity Center on March 26. Other stars who will take part in the play are Alma Concepcion, Ivy Violan, Ricky Davao, Richard Signey, Allan Mirasol and newscaster Candace Giron. For inquiries, call 7210801.

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Pedicab in Makati

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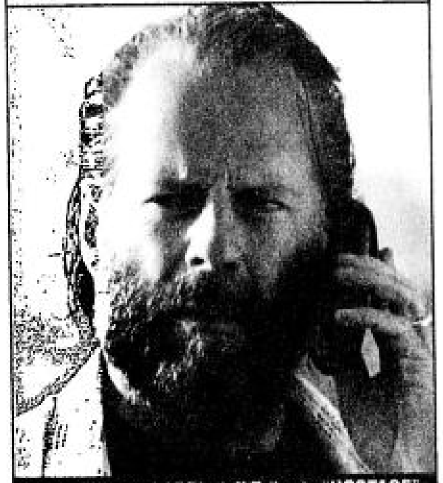
" HOSTAGE"

Wrong place at the wrong time for Bruce Willis



Bruce Willis as LAPD's Jeff Talley in "**HOSTAGE**"

The guy who always happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time is back. Only this time his name is not New York police department's John McClane (of DIE HARD fame) but LAPD's Jeff Talley.

Bruce Willis is playing again the "everyday" sort of guy who gets caught up in circumstances that force him to play the reluctant hero in **HOSTAGE.**

Described by critics as 'Die Hard' from the 'outside'. This time, **Bruce Willis** has a group of bad guys in an elaborate mansion with passageways and security cameras, but he has to take them out and rescue the hostages without going inside.

Willis plays Jeff Talley, a former hostage negotiator who moves to a small town after one negotiation goes terribly awry. But when some punk guys break into a rich family's house, he finds himself playing negotiator once again. Only the rich father is some sort of criminal so the other bad guys come after Talley's family to force him to retrieve their material.

The film builds excitement through procedure and is always surprising, never predictable. From the SWAT team communicating with marker boards to hanging a Kevlar vest in the car window to identifying the security monitors to coordinating different cell phone and radio connections, every step of the negotiation adds a layer of "how do they deal with that." Each obstacle Talley faces, from the security cameras to the sheriff's department to dealing with the wounded hostage, presents an exciting challenge that leaves you wondering what his endgame plan is. Even when he takes action, it's not a clear case of shoot 'em up. There are many factors to consider so it's always tense until every party is accounted for.

The villains are a group of violent teenagers. Kids as the villains may seem silly, but consider the real danger of youthful ignorance. Real kids can cause all sorts of serious problems because they don't appreciate the consequences of their little games, and they don't appreciate it because they're uneducated and have no parents. These kids are the scariest villains Bruce Willis has ever faced.

The film HOSTAGE is based on the NEW YORK TIMES' #1 BEST-SELLER by **Robert Crais.**

Hostage is directed by **Florent Siri** and script written by **Doug Richardson** who also wrote Die Hard 2. **From Miramax Films.** [BY HARVEY S. KARTEN, COMPUSERVE.COM] •

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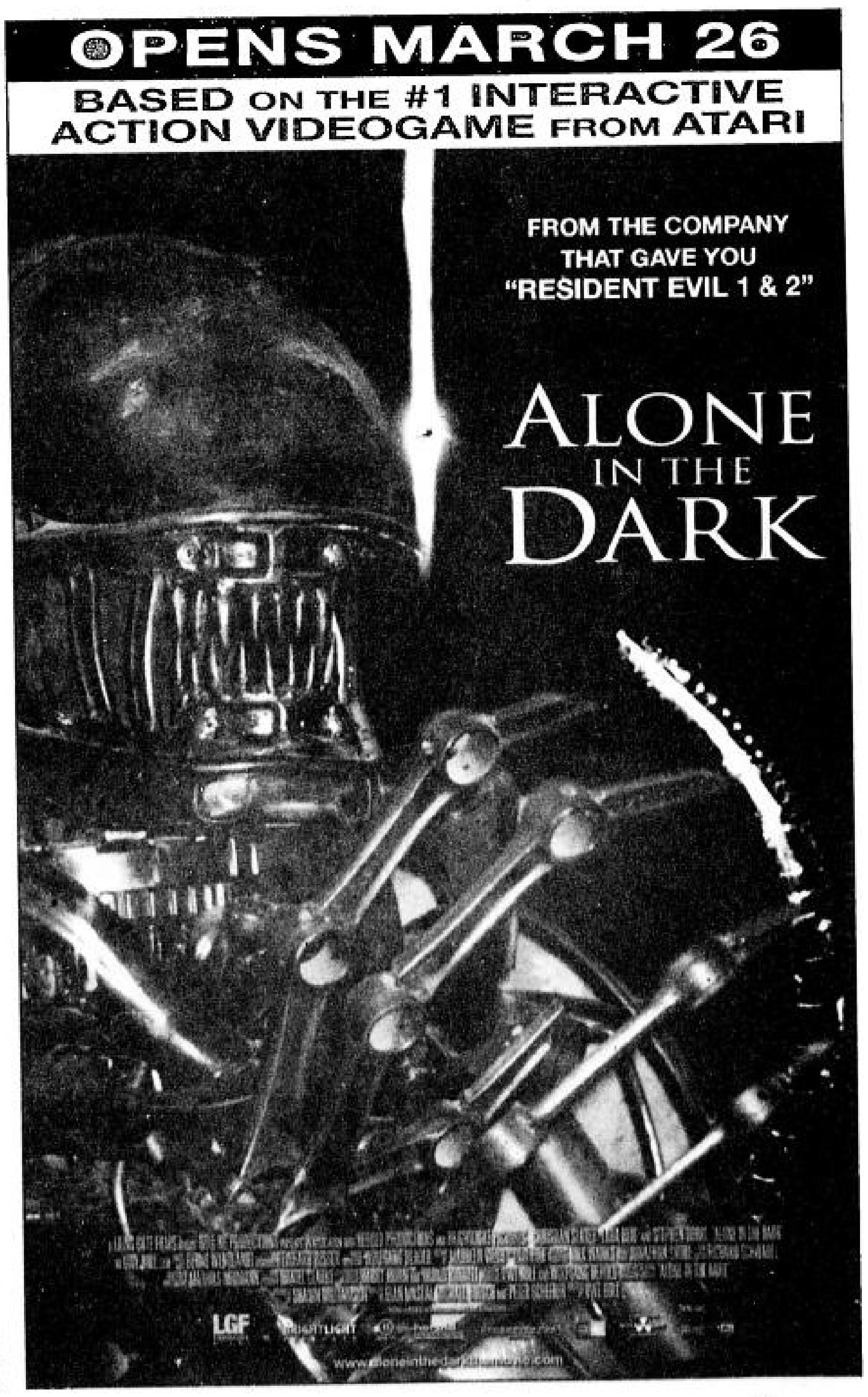

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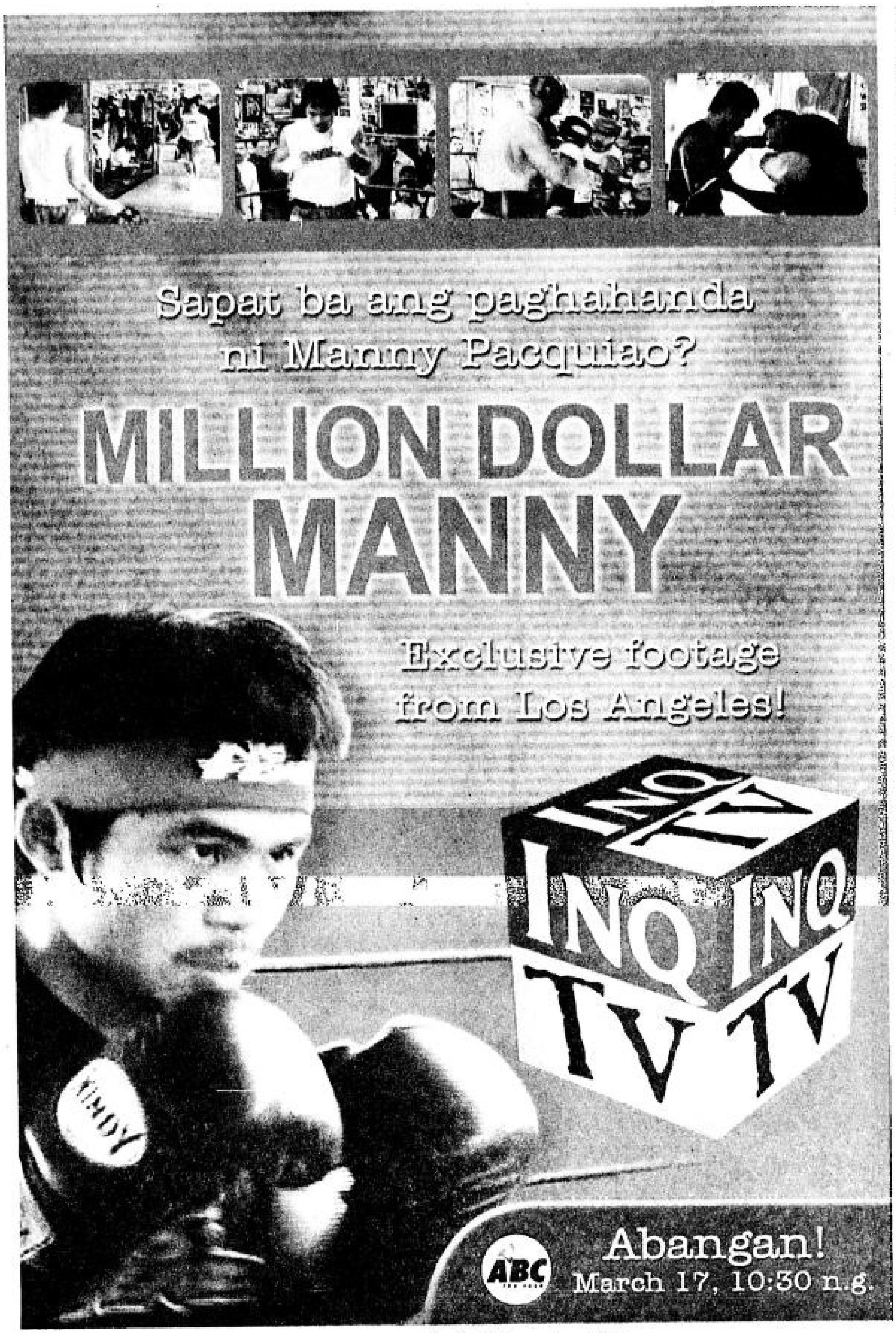
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Cinemax			True Crime			El Dorado (5:15 PM)				Murder At 1600 (7:15 PM)				The Hunt For Red October				Blade II (11:15PM)	
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Discovery Channel		Science Mysteries		American Chopper		Rides		Extreme Engineering		Hour Asia				Discovery Sunday				Power Zone	
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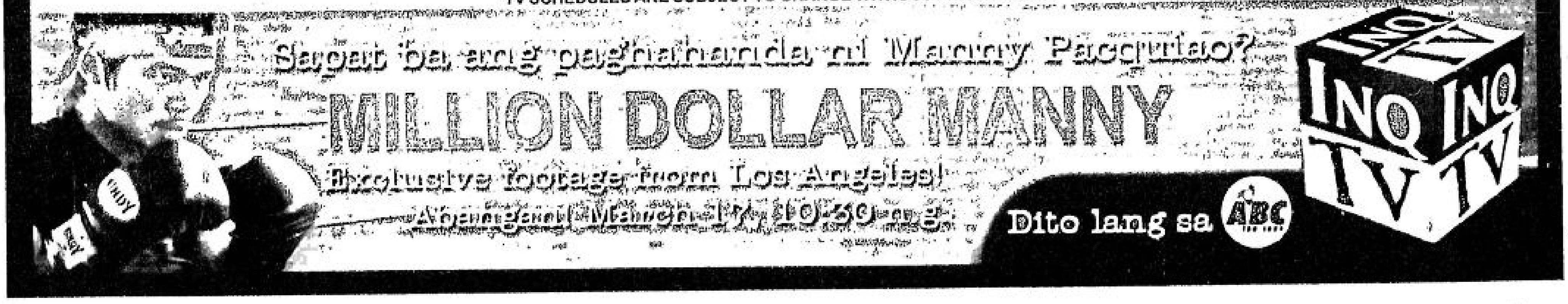
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- 3 SPANGLISH
- 4 CURSED

G4 GLORIETTA 4
- 1 SPANGLISH
- 2 CURSED
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- 4 THE FINAL CUT
- 5 CONSTANTINE
- 6 HOSTAGE
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GB1 GREENBELT 1
- 1 HITCH 11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
- 2 HOSTAGE 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

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- 1 GUARANTEED SEATS SPANGLISH 12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 8:50, 11:30
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- 4 GUARANTEED SEATS MILLION DOLLAR BABY 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 8:55, 11:30
- 5 GUARANTEED SEATS HITCH 1:35, 3:45, 6:05, 8:25, 10:45

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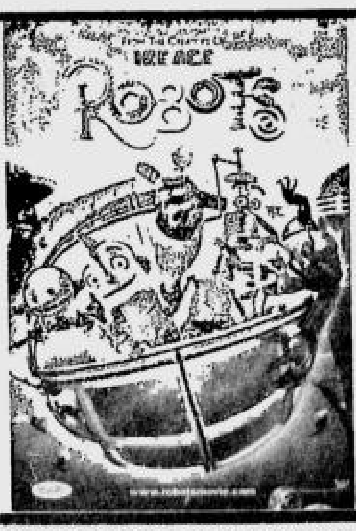

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Nevertheless, Williams did not disappoint. He looked sad and exhausted because of everything he's witnessed about human nature, yet remained detached and devoted to his work. Like me.

NICE writes: Watching science fiction is burdensome for me. I always catch myself asking, "*Ano daw* (What did he say?)" Sure, I know a movie is just make-believe, but science fiction is elevated make-believe. "The Final Cut," however, is comprehensible.

This is a movie for anyone who has edited anything—text, film, video, systems or any data. The moral lesson is: Have a backup file.

Always.

Hakman is said to be the best in the trade. In the words of his girlfriend, Delila (Mira Sorvino), he is "like a mortician, priest and taxidermist." His home and studio, done and furnished in grey, reflect this.

Because of a childhood accident, Alan grows up cold and distant, and ridden with guilt. He buries himself in work, editing "rememory" projects. This entails reviewing a dead person's entire life, dividing it into files, and re-assembling it into an hour-and-a-half feature for the necrological rites. As though that were not work enough, he sits with the deceased person's loved ones, and directs the rememory theme based on the interviews.

Truth

He is not a stickler for truth; he merely delivers to his customers' satisfaction.

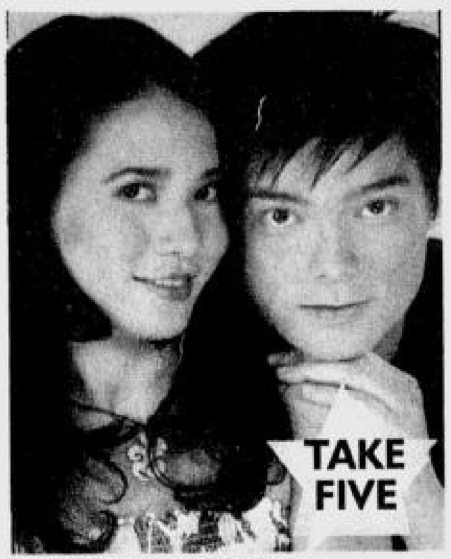
An altercation with his neglected lover leads to an incomprehensible mishap: She shoots his work station, right in the storage drive. The current project, this guy Bannister's life, is gone in a sec!

Oh, my goodness! No backup! No IT guy! No 24-hour ZOE assistance! Fletcher (Jim Caviezel, Mel Gibson's Christ), who represents anti-implant groups, needs a backup at all costs, which has to be Alan himself, who has seen the original file.

Fletcher would be the bad guy here, except that it seems he would speak in tongues—or maybe just in Aramaic—at any point.

In Vedanta, we learn that life is maya or illusion. Life in "The Final Cut" is recorded for posterity . . . and for a fee. How to sort out the mess? Do the deleted parts become illusion? Some memories are better left forgotten," says Bannister's widow.

The film shows that what the brain records is not consistent with what actually happens. Of course this is explained away in the movie as a flawed chip. If only to jog your memory or take stock of your life, this is worth seeing. Experience it like a homily.



KARYLLE and Dingdong Dantes

Horror movies become him

By Remy Umerez
Contributor

FORMER dancer Dingdong Dantes stars in his third horror movie, Regal Entertainment's "Bahay ni Lola 2."

How is this different from the last one?

My character here is the most difficult that I have portrayed so far. I am possessed by an evil spirit.

Is it a fright film through and through?

No. Karylle and I have two kissing scenes.

Are you choosy about the directors you work with?

Let's put it this way. I am comfortable working with directors who are not uptight and who connects with his stars.

Are you about to accept the tag, "Prince of Horror Films"?

It is a trend, and I am happy doing horror movies. I would like to portray Dracula; I find him very interesting.

What about gay roles?

Maybe later.

What's the real score between you and Karylle?

It may sound like cliché-ish, but we are great friends. The pairing gives us a chance to bond with one another. So far, the feeling is good.

What have you discovered so far about Karylle?

She's thoughtful, sweet, and not boring.

What role does religion play in your life?

I was brought up believing in and fearing God.

Do you believe in pre-marital sex?

It is wrong and should be avoided.

Aside from your show biz career, what else is important to you?

A college degree. It's taking me forever finishing college in Ateneo because I go to school only three times a week. Right now I am on leave. A major part of one's future depends on education. I feel sad when young talents give up their studies.

When will you give up your bachelorhood?

Thirty would probably be a good age to settle down. I mean marriage, not living in. I believe in raising a family.

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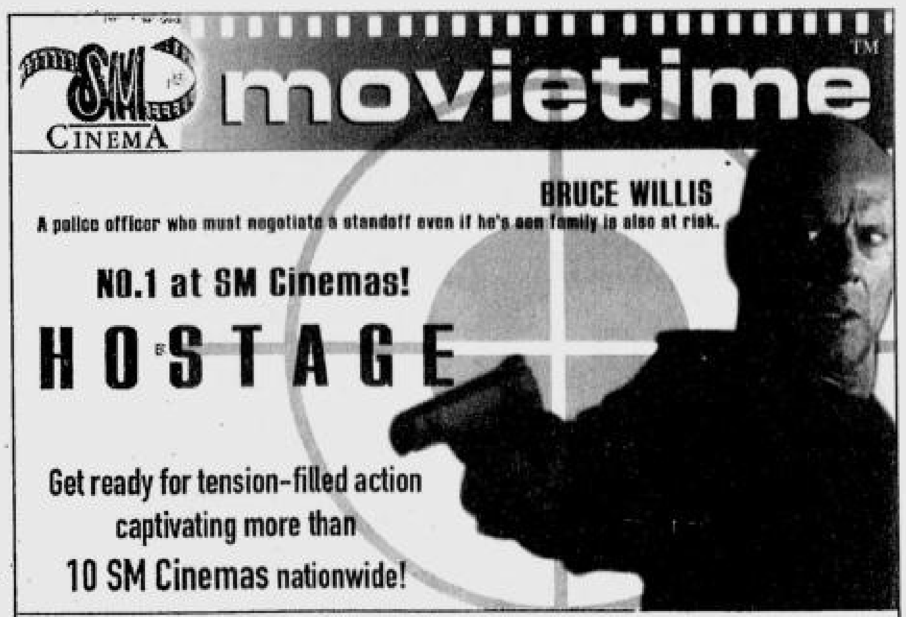
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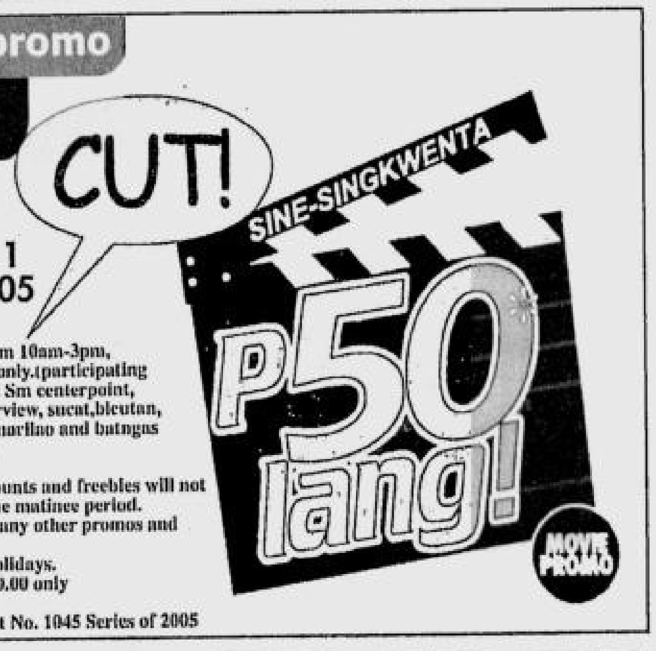
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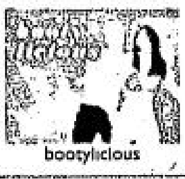
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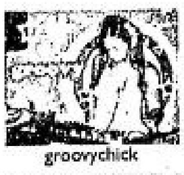
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Sunday **BIZ**

Business Features Editor **Margie Quimpo-Espino**

From janitor to chopper-riding *taipan*

WHILE ordinary people take the car or bus to go to work, the billionaire takes a helicopter. He bought his first chopper in 1968 .

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

ONE OF the world's richest men proudly says he worked as a janitor at the age of 15 for no pay. That was in 1950.

Lucio Tan, owner of a business empire that spans 14 industries in two countries, says he worked at Bataan Cigar and Cigarette Company in exchange for food.

He worked in the laboratory of Bataan Cigar and was "fascinated with chemicals."

The fascination led to a degree in chemical engineering from Far Eastern University in 1955.

Tan shared this anecdote in his life with the Business Staff of the INQUIRER during a rare, "no holds barred" interview at the newspaper's office in Makati.

Everyone was surprised PAL chair Lucio C. Tan agreed to meet with the INQUIRER. And he brought with him the top executives of the Lucio Tan Group of Companies who include his brother Harry Tanenglian, son Michael, former Bureau of Customs Commissioner Salvador Mison, Jose Ngaw and Tony Carreon.

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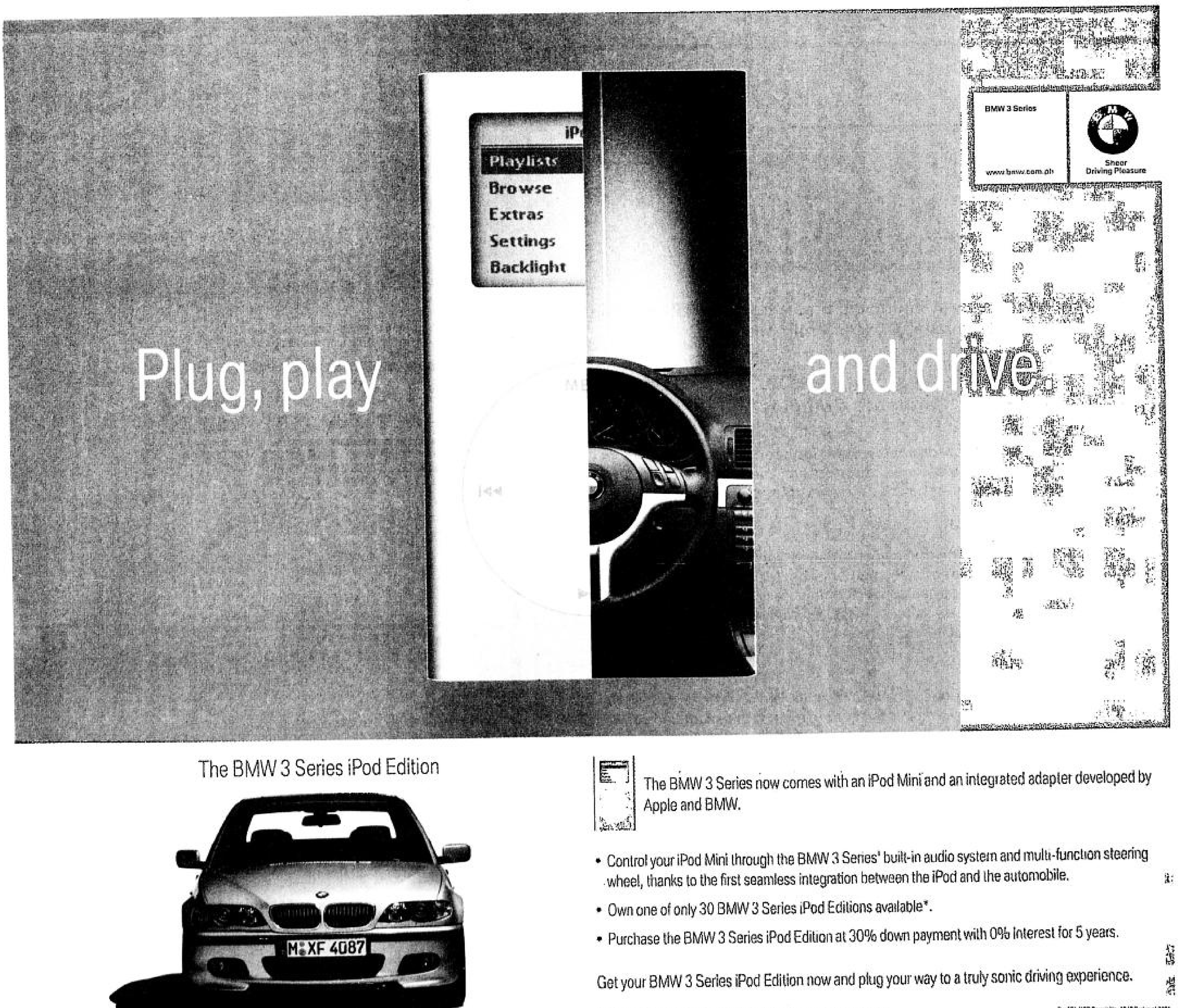
PARACHUTING in 1994. He was 60 then.

CARMEN and Lucio on their wedding day on June 5, 1960.

WITH Muslim residents during a visit to Zamboanga in 1968. He was 34.

A FACT not known to many is Tan's passion for photography.

GOLF is one of Tan's two favorite sports.



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Never a dull moment in using commas, etc.

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

"Eats, Shoots & Leaves"
by Lynne Truss
Gotham Books, 2004

A GRAMMAR class, many must admit, is never interesting. The English teacher recites the rules, asks you to draw a sentence diagram, and is ambivalent about when to use the preposition "of" or the preposition "for." On other occasions, she insists that we should never end our sentences with a preposition.

I recall that the irrepressible Winston Churchill followed that principle when he objected to a policy, saying: "Up with which we shall not put." It sounds ridiculous, but it is decidedly grammatical.

I had a long discussion once with writers and critics in writers' workshops, and I was told that there was a trend toward "minimalism," even in the use of commas.

"If you can avoid commas, the new rule says, just do it!" In an intended pun, they say: "Never lapse into a comma!"

And yet, no one can argue about the need to place the commas in their right places. Here's a sampler:

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

A woman: without her, man is nothing.

What a difference a comma makes, you may explain. It may trigger an endless anthropological debate!

What about this sign in a restaurant: "No dogs please." Without the comma before "please," the statement is "an indefensible generalization, since many dogs do please."

The examples above are just two of numerous illustrations offered by an entertaining and instructive book titled "Eats, Shoot & Leaves," by Lynne Truss. Even the title has its own story to tell. It's about a Panda which suddenly develops the impulse to shoot. Check out the book and find out.

The book is actually a well-reasoned piece asking "sticklers" (those who care about punctuation) to unite and save the world—and the word—from ruin. The author expresses her lament: "While we look in horror at a badly punctuated sign, the world carries on around us, blind to our plight."

"When words such as 'phenomena,' 'media,' or cherubim" are treated as singular, some of us cannot suppress actual screams."

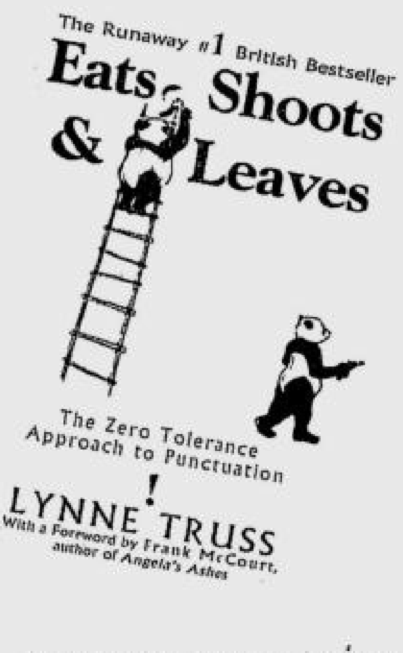
I have a collection of manuals of style from the respected newspapers around the world—those of the New York Times, Associated Press, The Economist, Wall Street Journal—and their rules for precise language and unerring punctuation are laudable.

This book by Ms Truss, however, stands out as one of the most passionate—and interesting—about the need for correct (or proper) punctuation.

When the author is not seized into frenzy by a misused word, she settles for a sober thought like this: "Punctuation is a courtesy designed to help readers to understand a story without stumbling."

She continues: "The reason to stand up for punctuation is that without it, there is no reliable way of communicating meaning. Punctuation herds words together, keeps others apart. Punctuation directs you how to read, in the way musical notation directs a musician how to play."

Older editors of newspapers, including a respected boss of mine, rue the fact that many of our deskmen are no longer sticklers for punctuation. Read the newspapers any day and you will know that the misuse of punctuation is as widespread as the common cold.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With a Foreword by Frank McCourt, author of Angela's Ashes

The author of this book cares enough about this trend—and has written a magnificent piece to serve as a call to arms against further misuse of punctuation, and against the deterioration of expression.

Well structured language expression has even suffered further with the wide use of e-mail, which has defied many rules of punctuation. Worse, the era of text messaging has introduced an alien language that assaults the sensibilities of people who respect the language—whether English or our local dialect.

"Eats, Shoots & Leaves" is a must read book. You don't have to be an English major to find it useful. When you struggle over the letter composed by your secretary, or you are thrown into confusion by a hastily made report by your manager—chances are they have thrown overboard our only hope in communicating clearly and in making sense of this already confused world.

And yes, wrong punctuation can even trigger a theological debate. The book cites these two sentences as examples, where commas are placed in different locations:

"Verily, I say unto thee, This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

"Verily I say unto thee this day, Thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

The author has this to say: "The first version, which is how Protestants interpret the passage, lightly skips over the whole unpleasant business of Purgatory and takes the crucified thief straight to heaven with our Lord. The second promises Paradise at some later date, and leaves Purgatory nicely in the picture for Catholics, who believe in it."

You can have many uses for this book. It can actually be a manual for grammar. It can also sharpen your sensitivity to any punctuation infractions, if it does not clarify some fine distinctions about the use of such grammar marks.

The book has done something else, which to me is very important: The book has just communicated one central truth: There is actually never a dull moment in the world of punctuation. *(executiveread@creativepointintl.com)*

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2001 KIA CERES 2700 CAPACITY; (6) STAINLESS STEEL FOOD DISPLAY COUNTER; (2) SS SALAD COUNTER; (3) CASH REGISTER; AIRCON OVEN, RICE COOKER; INDUSTRIAL FAN; CHEST TYPE FREEZER (12) VIETCONG BURNERS; LPG TANK, BUSINESS SIGNBOARD; JUICE DISPENSER, ALUMINUM DISPLAY COUNTER; REFRIGERATOR; CHILLER, KITCHEN UTENSILS; CUTLERY; GLASSWARE; CROCKERY; ELECTRIC POLISHER; PIZZA PIE OVEN AND MANY MORE
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VIEWING DATES: MARCH 17 & 18, 2005, 8:00 AM – 5:PM
LOCATION: 333 OLD NATIONAL HIGHWAY, STO. CRISTO, PULILAN, BULACAN
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VIEWING DATES: MARCH 28 & 29, 2005, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: ROAD 1 & ROAD 32, PROJECT 6, Q. C., NEAR VISAYAS AVE
(2,500) BOTTLES TOLLESE VINO DA TAVOLA (ROSSO) ITALIA, STAINLESS CHILLER, SS PREPARATION TABLES; SS PREPARATION TABLE W/ SINK STOVE, FREEZER; REFRIGERATORS KITCHEN UTENSILS; GLASSWARE, TABLES & CHAIRS; AMPLIFIERS; COMPONET, SPEAKER SYSTEM; PIANO / ORGAN; GUITAR; BEERS; SOFTDRINKS; BILLARD TABLES, 2-DOOR STAINLESS CHILLER; LPG TANKS; SS BBQ GRILL; WINDOW TYPE AIRCON, S/S PLATE DISPENSER; NARRA UNIQUE FURNITURE, PAINTINGS, WALL DÉCOR, BIG GLASS AQUARIUM, GENERATOR, WATER TANK, GLASSWARE, PUNCH BOWL; AND MANY MORE
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Pangasinenses to revive dying sea urchin industry

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—Government agencies and non-government organizations in the province are reviving the dying sea urchin, sea cucumber and top shell industries in the Lingayen Gulf through the support of the Royal Netherlands Embassy.

The restocking of the depleted species in the gulf would be made under the Sagip Lingayen Gulf Project, following the planned expansion and upgrading of the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute hatchery in Bolinao.

The project is being undertaken by the provincial governments of Pangasinan and La Union and implemented by the Marine Environment and Resources Foundation (MERF), the UPMSI, Tanggol Kalikasan and Sentro para sa Ikauunlad ng Agham at Teknolohiya.

Pangasinan Gov. Victor Agbayani said the project would help small fishermen who are dependent on the Lingayen Gulf. He said the gulf's resources are already depleted because of over fishing, illegal fishing and pollution.

A marker that will be put up at the UPMSI hatchery area was signed by Agbayani, La Union Gov. Victor Ortega, MERF president Ma. Josefa Pante, UPMSI director Gil Jacinto and Jan Willem Cools, forests and environment first secretary of the Royal Netherlands Embassy on Thursday.

Helen Grace Bangi of the UPMSI said the coastal areas of Bolinao used to be abundant with sea urchins (Tripneustes gratilla) and residents ignored these until the early 1970s when buyers started to come.

The residents then realized that there was a lucrative market for sea urchin roe. Commercial harvesting stated in the 1970s and peaked in the late 1980s.

The catch on Silaqui Island in Bolinao peaked at 5.3 tons worth P9.6 million in 1989. The figures were estimated to be half of the total landed catch in Bolinao.

"[But] intense exploitation gradually took its toll, and the [sea urchin] population soon underwent a rapid decline. The situation was aggravated by the practice of collecting even small, immature urchins before they had the opportunity to spawn and reproduce," the UPMSI said.

The sea urchin fishery stock collapsed by 1992 due to overharvesting, affecting the livelihood of thousands of fishermen in the town.

Soon, the UPMSI started a project aimed at enhancing the recovery of wild sea urchin population in Bolinao through reseeding efforts in marine protected areas and the promotion of community-based cage culture.

Andre Jon Uychiaco, Sagip Lingayen Gulf project manager, said the project had been expanded and upgraded to include sea cucumber (Holothuria scabra), abalone (Haliotis asinina) and top shells (Trochus niloticus) and had produced 500,000 seed stock of the various species.

"We have given seed stock to fishermen groups in Bolinao and Anda and we are looking into potential sites in Alaminos City, San Fernando City [La Union], Burgos and Agno," Uychiaco said. The different species are grown in cages in the sea, but Uychiaco said their culture is environment-friendly because they are given only natural food like seaweeds, sea grasses and algae.

All species are in high demand, both in local and international markets, for their meat and shells, he said.

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3. Be goal-driven. Successful people do not do things just to get busy. They do it for a purpose, that is to attain their target—whether an honor finish at school, a job promotion or a better relationship with other people.

4. Learn to delegate. Delegating is empowering people. When people around you are trained to handle the work, you can leave the rest to them and do the things that need your personal attention.

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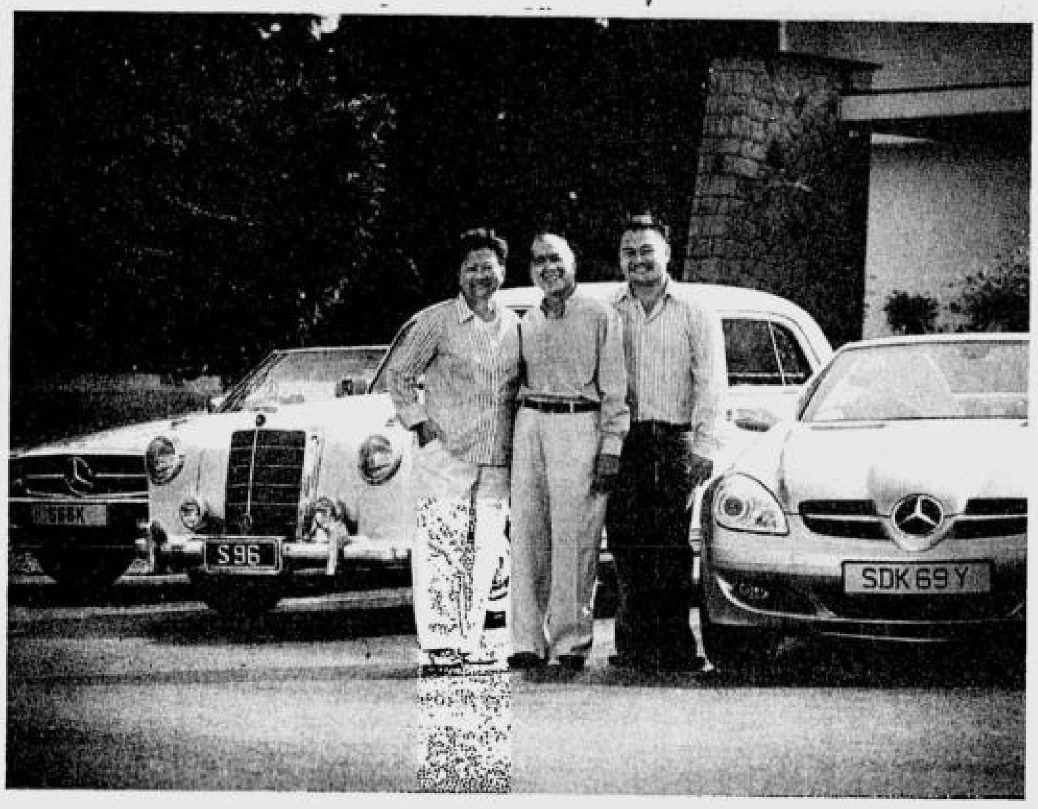

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Series of 2004

FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNANCE OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 648, series of 1981, as amended, in relation to Republic Act No. 8763, Executive Order No. 535 series of 1979, and Presidential Decree No. 902-A, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) is charged with the regulation and supervision of the activities and operations of homeowners associations;

WHEREAS, there is a need to highlight the basic roles, powers and responsibilities of a homeowners association and its officers and members under existing laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, there is also a need to promote and operationalize the best practices and norms of good governance in the management of a homeowners association:

WHEREAS, the active and enlightened management of the affairs of a homeowners association will enhance the delivery of basic services to and promote the general welfare of its members;

NOW THEREFORE the HLURB, after a nationwide consultation with homeowners associations and concerned stakeholders hereby adopts the following Framework for the Governance of Homeowners Associations:

I. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Section 1. *Definition of terms.* - Unless the context provides otherwise, the following terms shall be interpreted to mean as follows:

a. "Association" refers to a homeowners association that is registered with the HLURB, or one previously registered with the Home Insurance Guaranty Corporation (now Home Guaranty Corporation) or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in accordance with law and shall include:
    i. homeowner and lot owner/buyer in a subdivision project within the purview of P.D. No. 957 and related laws;
    ii. an awardee, a lessee, and an occupant in a private or government housing or relocation project and other urban estates;
    iii. an informal settler in the process of being accredited as beneficiary or awardee of ownership rights under the Community Mortgage Program, Land Tenure Assistance and other similar programs:
b. "Board" refers to the board of directors or trustees of an Association that exercises, as a collegial body, all the powers, duties and responsibilities relating to the administration, management and operation of an Association; and
c. "Director" shall refer to a member of a board.

Sec. 2. *Registration.* – An Association shall register with the HLURB in order to acquire juridical personality.

The officers or members of an unregistered association, or an unincorporated group of homeowners representing themselves as an association, or exercising the essential characteristics, rights and privileges of an Association, shall be personally liable for the obligations and liabilities that may be incurred by the *de facto* association.

Sec. 3. *General principles.* – An Association should –

a. endeavor to serve the interest of its members through equity of access in the decision-making process, transparency and accountability, and the promotion of security in their living environment;
b. establish its vision, define and periodically assess its mission, policies, and objectives and the means to attain the same; and
c. without abandoning its non-partisan character:
    i. actively cooperate with local government units and national government agencies, in furtherance of its common goals and activities for the benefit of the residents inside and outside of the subdivision; and
    ii. complement, support and strengthen local government units and national government agencies in providing vital services to its members and in helping implement local government policies, programs, ordinances, and rules.

II. ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Sec. 4. *Qualification of members.* - Unless otherwise provided in the by-laws, a member of an Association should either be:

a. a homeowner, lot owner and lot buyer, or a mortgagee who becomes an owner by virtue of foreclosure of mortgage and consolidation of title in his name;
b. a lessee under a contract with a term of at least three (3) years, in lieu of the owner of the leased property, if allowed in writing to be a member by said owner. However, where the Association dues are imposed other than on a per lot basis and both the owner and lessee pay said dues, both may qualify as members;
c. an occupant by virtue of a subsisting usufruct in writing granted by the owner;
d. a beneficiary or awardee under the Community Mortgage Program/Self-Help Land Acquisition Program/Group Land Acquisition Development Projects who is included in the registry of beneficiaries of the government financing institution concerned or its equivalent organization in the private sector; or
e. the developer of the subdivision project who holds title to unsold lots or units.

Sec. 5. *Nature of membership.* - Membership in an Association should be voluntary unless –

a. the same is required under the deed restrictions annotated on the title of the property;
b. is stipulated under the contract for the purchase of a lot in the subdivision project; or
c. is a requirement for an award under a Community Mortgage Program project or similar tenurial arrangement.

Sec. 6. *Rights of members.* - The members of an Association shall have the following rights:

a. to vote in person or by proxy;
b. to inspect Association books and records during office hours and to be provided with annual reports, including financial statements;
c. to avail of all the services and facilities of the Association; and
d. to enjoy all other rights as may be provided in the Association by-laws.

Sec. 7. *Duties of members.* – A member shall have the following duties:

a. to pay membership fees and dues and special assessments;
b. to attend meetings of the Association;
c. to support and participate in projects and activities of the Association; and
d. to comply with all other duties as required by the Association by-laws, rules and regulations.

Non-compliance with any of the foregoing duties may be a ground for the imposition of sanctions against a member in accordance with the by laws.

Sec. 8. *Delinquent member.* - The board should establish guidelines and procedures in determining who is a delinquent member i.e. "member not in good standing," and to prescribe the administrative sanctions against such member.

Sec. 9. *Due process.* - The right to due process should be observed in cases where administrative sanctions are imposed on a delinquent member.

III. BOARD

Sec. 10. *Composition of the board.* – The board shall be composed of at least five (5) but not more than fifteen (15) elected members of the Association.

In no case shall lessees, occupants or developers as mentioned in Section 4 hereof constitute a majority of the board.

Sec. 11. *Size of board.* - The board should examine or re-examine the number of its directors with a view to determining the impact thereof upon its effectiveness and to decide on what it considers as an appropriate size for the board that will facilitate effective decision-making.

Sec. 12. *Duties of the board.* - The Board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

a. to prepare an annual program of activities and the corresponding budget, and identify sources of funding for the same;
b. to adopt a uniform accounting system in the recording and preparation of its financial records, books and statements conforming to generally accepted principles of accounting and auditing and the standard form prescribed by HLURB;
c. to adopt a system of internal checks and balances to safeguard the integrity of the operations of the Association;
d. to have a working knowledge of the statutory and regulatory requirements affecting the Association;
e. to institute and sustain continuing education on collective organization and mobilization of membership for the attainment of common goals; and
f. to exercise such other powers as may be necessary and proper for the enforcement of the by-laws of the Association.

Sec. 13. *Imposition of toll, fees and bonds.* – The board may require the members and non-members of the Association to pay a toll, fee or to post a bond for the use of roads and other facilities of the Association, the amount of which shall be approved by the general membership as being necessary to defray the cost of the operation and maintenance thereof: Provided, that the said roads and other subdivision facilities are being maintained by the Association.

Sec. 14. *Business of board.* - The board should not engage in any business other than those that are incidental to the operations of the Association and should exercise its authority within the bounds of its articles of incorporation, by-laws and other existing laws, rules and regulations.

Sec. 15. *Matters for board decision.* - The board should have a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved to it for decision.

Sec. 16. *Independent board.* - There should be a strong element in the board that is able to exercise objective judgment on Association affairs independently of its officers. No individual or small group of individuals should be allowed to dominate the Board's decision-making activities.

Sec. 17. *Performance assessment.* - There should be a formal assessment by the Board of its effectiveness as a whole and the contribution of each director thereto.

IV. BOARD MEETINGS

Sec. 18. *Board meetings.* - The board should meet regularly and whenever particular circumstances warrant as determined by its members.

Sec. 19. *Rules on meetings.* - The board should adopt rules to govern its meetings.

Sec. 20. *Regular board meetings.* - The board shall hold its regular meetings in accordance with the schedule set forth in the by-laws.

Sec. 21. *Personal attendance.* - A director should attend all board meetings in person. He may not attend or vote by proxy at board meetings.

Sec. 22. *Special board meetings.* – Special board meetings may be called by its chairperson or by majority of the directors of the board.

Sec. 23. *Quorum in board meetings.* - Unless the articles of incorporation or the by-laws provide otherwise, a majority of the number of directors as fixed in the articles of incorporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Association business. Every decision of at least a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be valid as a corporate act, except for the election of officers, which shall require the vote of a majority of all the members of the board.

Sec. 24. *Number of board meetings.* - The number of board meetings held in a year, as well as the attendance of every board member at those meetings and meetings of special committees established by the board, should be disclosed in the Association's annual report.

V. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Sec. 25. *Regular meetings.* - The regular meetings of members shall be held at least annually on the date fixed in the by-laws. Written notice of regular meetings, including the agenda, shall be sent to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting unless a different period is required by the by-laws.

Sec. 26. *Special meetings.* – The board may call special membership meetings at any time whenever it is deemed necessary, or as provided in the by-laws. A written notice, including the agenda shall be sent to all members at least one (1) week before the scheduled meeting, unless otherwise provided in the by-laws.

Sec. 27. *Quorum.* – A quorum in general membership meetings shall consist of the majority of the members, unless otherwise provided for in the by-laws.

In the election of directors and officers, the by-laws may provide that only members of good standing shall be considered in determining a quorum.

Sec. 28. *Voting by proxy.* - Members may vote in person or by proxy in all meetings of the Association.

Sec. 29. *Form of proxy.* – Proxies shall be in writing and signed by the member. It shall be filed with the Association secretary before the scheduled meeting and duly validated in accordance with the by-laws.

Sec. 30. *Validity of Proxy.* - Unless otherwise provided in the proxy or in the by-laws, the proxy shall be valid only for the date of the meeting for which it is intended. No proxy shall be valid and effective for a period of more than five (5) years.

Direct member participation in Association affairs shall be encouraged and voting by proxy should not be allowed to enable an individual or group of individuals to subvert the true will of the members or to dominate the activities of the Association.

Sec. 31. *Voting by mail.* - Voting by mail or other similar means by members of the Association may be authorized under such conditions as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

Sec. 32. *Voting rights in membership meetings.* - A member, regardless of his standing, shall be entitled to vote on the following matters:

a. amendment of the articles of incorporation;
b. delegation to the Board of the power to amend or repeal the by-laws or adopt new by-laws;
c. sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Association properties;
d. incurring, creating or increasing bonded indebtedness;
e. increase or decrease of members' equity;
f. merger or consolidation of the Association with another Association, membership in or disaffiliation from a federation, and segregation from the Association;
g. use of Association funds in projects not otherwise included in the regular or approved program of activities and expenditures;
h. ratification of adverse interest or business transactions by directors as provided for under this Framework;
i. extension or shortening of the term of existence of the Association; and
j. dissolution of the Association.

A vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the general membership shall be necessary for the approval of the corporate acts enumerated above.

VI. DIRECTORS

Sec. 33. *Competence of director.* - The board should be composed of directors who, as a group, provide competencies that are required by the Association, such as accounting or finance and business or management experience.

Sec. 34. *Independence of directors.* - A majority of the directors should be free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment.

Directors who are lessees, occupants or developers as provided in Section 4 hereof should not constitute a majority of the board.

Sec. 35. *Disclosure of relationship of directors and officers.* - The board should disclose the relationship between the directors and officers whenever they are related to each other by blood or marriage.

Sec. 36. *Briefing of directors.* - The chairman of the board should ensure that all directors are properly briefed on issues arising at board meetings.

VII. OFFICERS

Sec. 37. *Association officers.* - Unless otherwise provided in the by-laws, an Association should have the following executive officers who shall be responsible for the management of the Association's business: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and auditor. The board may create other management positions in the Association as may be necessary.

Sec. 38. *Division of responsibilities.* - There should be a clear division of responsibilities of the officers of the Association so as to maintain a balance of power and authority, such that no one individual or group has unfettered powers of decision.

Sec. 39. *Secretary.* - The secretary of the Association shall be responsible to the board for ensuring that board procedures are followed and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with. All directors should have access to the advice and services of the Secretary.

Sec. 40. *Removal of Secretary.* - Any question of the removal of the Association secretary should be a matter for the board to decide as a whole.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Sec. 41. *Grievance Committee.* - The board should constitute a Grievance Committee that shall resolve disputes between and among members of the association or the board; or between members of the Association and the board or any of its members and officers.

Sec. 42. *Audit Committee.* - The board should establish an Audit committee that shall review the accounts and physically examine the books and assets of the Association. A director and the internal auditor of the Association may not sit as members of said committee.

Sec. 43. *Election Committee.* - The board should establish an independent body that shall prepare election guidelines and its mechanics in accordance with the by-laws, supervise all election activities of the Association, and resolve election contests at the Association level.

Sec. 44. *Membership in special committees.* - The members of the above committees shall be drawn from the membership of the Association.

Sec. 45. *Attendance of heads of special committees in meetings.* - When required to do so, the heads of the Grievance, Audit and Election committees should be present and available to answer questions at board or membership meetings. External auditors, if any, should be present in membership meetings to assist the directors in addressing any relevant queries by the members.

IX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Sec. 46. *Conflict of interest.* - The board should specify the instances where questions on conflict of interests may arise that would require the approval of the board or a percentage of the total membership of the Association.

Sec. 47. *Avoidance of conflict of interest.* - To avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure transparency in the management of the Association, a member or an officer should not enter into contracts with the Association for provision of services, unless all the following conditions are present:

a. The presence of such director in the board meeting in which the contract was approved was not necessary to constitute a quorum for such meeting;
b. The vote of such director was not necessary for the approval of the contract;
c. The contract is fair and reasonable under the circumstances; and
d. The board has previously authorized the contract.

However, when either condition (a) or (b) above is absent in the case of a contract involving a director, the contract may be ratified by the vote of the members representing at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership in a meeting called for the purpose. Full disclosure of the adverse interest of the directors involved should be made in such meeting.

X. TRANSPARENCY

Sec. 48. *Transparency.* - To promote transparency and consistent with the policy of full disclosure, the Association shall maintain such books and records as may be required under existing rules of the HLURB.

Sec. 49. *Posting of collections.* - The board shall account for all fees, tolls and bonds it may collect by regularly posting on the bulletin board of the Association a report of its income and expenditures, or by regularly disseminating said information through other means.

Sec. 50. *Association funds.* - The funds of the Association should be kept and deposited in bank accounts in the name of the association and shall not be joined or commingled with the fund of any other director, officer, or any other person, or Association.

Sec. 51. *Reporting of compensation.* - The annual report of the Association should contain details of the remuneration of each director.

Sec. 52. *Nomination procedure.* - There should be a formal and transparent procedure for the nomination of new board directors and officers of the Association.

Sec. 53. *Dialogue with members.* - The directors and officers should be ready, where practicable, to enter into a dialogue with Association members based on the understanding of mutual interests and objectives.

Sec. 54. *Disclosure of information.* - The officers should disclose, disseminate and make available to the members of the Association material information regarding its activities, transactions and operations.

XI. ELECTIONS

Sec. 55. *Regular elections.* – Regular elections shall be held annually, unless the by-laws provide otherwise.

Sec. 56. *Procedures and guidelines.* – The by-laws shall contain the general procedures for the conduct of elections, including the date and frequency thereof.

Sec. 57. *Referendum, recall, and other initiatives.* – The by-laws may provide for the procedure, manner and the votes required for the holding of a referendum, recall election, and other initiatives of the general membership.

Sec. 58. *Information on candidates for director or officer.* - The names of members submitted for election or re-election as a director or officer should be accompanied by sufficient biographical details to enable members to take an informed decision on his qualifications.

XII. PROVISIONS COMMON TO DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Sec. 59. *Conduct of directors and officers.* - The directors and the officers should act in the best interest of the Association in a manner characterized by transparency, accountability and fairness.

The directors and officers shall in all instances act on behalf of the Association and shall perform their duties with the utmost degree of diligence and loyalty required by their positions.

Sec. 60. *Qualifications.* – A director and officer of an Association shall have the following qualifications:

a. of legal age;
b. a member in good standing;
c. an actual resident of the subdivision, housing or relocation project for at least six (6) months as certified by the Association secretary or in default thereof, by a member having personal knowledge thereof; and
d. has not been convicted by final judgment of an offense involving moral turpitude.

The legitimate spouse of a member may be a candidate in lieu of the member.

Sec. 61. *Qualifications of Secretary.* – The Secretary of the Board shall have the same qualifications as an officer of an Association. In addition, he shall be a Filipino citizen.

Sec. 62. *Disqualifications.* – The by-laws should provide for reasonable disqualifications of candidates for director or officer to protect the Association and its members from interests inimical or inconsistent with its purpose, or practices detrimental to the welfare thereof, such as but not limited to the following:

a. the election of long-term lessees and developers as described in Section 4 hereof, to the positions of president, vice- president or treasurer of the Association, in that they lack permanent and compelling interests in the welfare of the Association as opposed to those of homeowners;
b. the election of former officers and directors of the Association who have not turned over the books, monies and records of the association during their term, in the interest of enforcing faithful discharge of their duties, transparency and accountability; or
c. the election of a member of the board or officer who has served for three consecutive terms immediately preceding the election, in order to encourage active participation and develop leadership capabilities of other equally qualified and interested members.

Sec. 63. *Training of directors and officers.* - The chairperson, directors and officers should be made aware of their specific duties and receive appropriate training when they are first elected.

Sec. 64. *Compensation.* - The directors and officers shall not receive any compensation except for reasonable per diems.

Sec. 65. *Holding of two posts in association.* - One person should not hold two posts in an Association at the same time. A member may not be president and secretary of the Association, or president and treasurer at the same time.

The posts of chairman and president in one person should be avoided.

Sec. 66. *Election of directors and officers.* - The directors and officers should stand for election every year.

Sec. 67. *Hold-over.* - Where there is failure to elect a new set of directors or officers, the incumbents should be allowed to continue in a holdover capacity until their successors are elected and qualified, subject to compliance with applicable HLURB Rules on the non-holding or postponement of regular or special elections.

Sec. 68. *Turnover of books by outgoing directors or officers.* – To ensure the orderly turnover of the management of an Association, the outgoing directors and officers of an Association shall turn over all Association books and records to the new set of directors or officers.

XIII. COMPLIANCE WITH FRAMEWORK

Sec. 69. *Registration of Association.* – An Association that intends to register as such under the HULRB "Rules on the Registration and Supervision of Homeowners Associations" shall submit by-laws that are consistent with the provisions of this Framework.

Sec. 70 *Enrolment of Association.* – An Association that was previously registered with the HIGC and/or the SEC, upon enrollment under the aforementioned "Rules on the Registration and Supervision of Homeowners Associations" shall commit itself to observe the basic rules, principles and best practices contained in this Framework.

XIV. FINAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 71 *Penalties for non-compliance.* – Failure to comply with any provision of this Framework shall be subject to the imposition of administrative sanctions or penalties as may be provided under the existing rules and regulations of the HLURB.

Sec. 72. *Separability Clause.* - If any section or portion of this Framework shall be found invalid or unenforceable, that finding shall not serve as an invalidation of, or affect the validity or enforceability of any other section or provision of the Framework.

Sec. 73. *Effectivity.* – This Framework shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved this 20th day of September 2004, Quezon City.

THE HONORABLE NOLI L. DE CASTRO
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Attested:

CHARITO B. LANSANG
Board Secretary

(PDI - March 13, 2005)

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
PASAY CITY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE
TO ALL REAL PROPERTY OWNERS

March 31, 2005 is the deadline of the payment of real property taxes for the first quarter of Calendar Year 2005.

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OFELIA M. OLIVA
OIC-City Treasurer

WENCESLAO B. TRINIDAD
City Mayor

(PDI – March 13, 2005)

FOR IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT

MIDDLE EAST

Dubai General Contractors, Dubai needs
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- Mechanical Engineers
- Electrical Engineers
- Construction Managers
- Project Engineers (Electronics & Comm)
- Planning Engineers (Civil/Structural/Electrical)
- Tower Crane Engineers
- Safety Managers / Safety Officers
- Land Surveyors (w/ Total Station experience)
- Quantity Surveyors (Electrical/Mechanical)
- Architects
- Draftsmen (Architectural / Structural)
- Foremen (General/Steel/Scaffolding/Masonry/ Tower Crane/Electrical/ Plumbing & Sanitary)
- HE Operators (Shovel/Grader/Bulldozer)
- Riggers / Tower Crane/Mobile Crane Operators
- Building/ Auto Electricians
- Rough / Finishing Carpenters
- Scaffolders / Welders /Steel Fixers /Pipe Fitters
- HVAC / Fire Alarm Technicians
- Heavy Equipment / Tower Crane Mechanics
- Male Nurses
- Timekeepers / Storekeepers
  - w/ 5 yrs exp in high rise building construction
- Auto Gear Mechanics for BMW/Mercedes /AUDI

Al Fardan Group, Qatar needs:
- Executive Secretary to the Gen Manager
  25-30 yr old female; w/ excellent comm skills
- Personal Accountant for the President
- General Accountant
  Male /female; 25-30 yrs old;auditing background
- Male Nurse – 24 to 30 yrs old; 3 yrs co. nurse
- Technical Engineer /Maintenance Engineer
- Foreman / Electrician / Plumber
  25-30 yrs old; w/ 5-10 years exp working in commercial high rise buildings or subdivisions

AFZE Manufacturing, Dubai, needs:
- Machine Operators/ Technicians /Electricians
  w/ ISO & HACCP Certificates; computer literate; exp w/ Perfecta/Constanta tea bagging machines

Resource Recruitment, Qatar needs:
- QC Managers
- Production / Quality Supervisors
- Foremen / Mould Specialists / Setters
  w/ exp in manufacturing of medical devices

TUV Saudi, KSA needs:
- Well Head QA / QC Coordinator
  w/ 10 yrs exp with API procedures

IRELAND

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10 Medical Doctors with experience in:
Medical/Surgical, General/ Family practice, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Psychiatry & OB

SINGAPORE

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* fluent in reading and writing Japanese; has excellent English communication skills

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National Project Management Office (NPMO)
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DepED

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date : February 24, 2005
Loan No. : PH-P200
IFRB No. : SEDIP-2005-FURN-JBIC

1. The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepEd) has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) in Japanese Yen towards financing the cost of Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for the supply and delivery of Furniture to Selected Secondary Schools in the Philippines.
2. The DepEd through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of school furniture for classrooms, science laboratories, home economics, industrial arts, libraries, faculty rooms and guidance rooms of the different secondary schools in the four (4) Batch 1 and five (5) Batch 2 Division Offices under SEDIP following the schedule below:

Division Office	Start of Issuance of Bid Documents	Time and Date of Prebid Conference	Time and Date of Bid Opening	Venue	Telephone No.
Batch 1					
Agusan del Sur	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Agusan del Sur, Patin-ay, Prosperidad	085-3437487
Antique	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Antique, San Jose	036-5408988
Guimaras	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Guimaras, Jordan	033-2371032 2371612
Surigao del Sur	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Surigao del Sur, Tandag	086-2113225
Batch 2					
Biliran	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Biliran, Naval	09192797356 053-5009279-80
Leyte	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Leyte, Palo	053-3238881 3239648
Masbate	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Masbate, Masbate	056-3334372 3336375
Negros Oriental	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Negros Oriental, Dumaguete City	035-2250667 225-2838
Zamboanga del Sur	March 9, 2005	10:00 AM March 18, 2005	10:00 AM April 8, 2005	Division Office of Zamboanga del Sur, Pagadian City	062-2143575

3. Bidders are required to submit bid for the complete quantity of all the furniture items intended for the schools in each Division per schedule of requirements of the bidding documents.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain complete information about the proposed project upon submission of Letter of Intent and acquire the bidding documents from the concerned Division BAC Office with telephone number and addresses listed in paragraph 2 or may visit the DepEd Website at http://www.deped.gov.ph or the Procurement Service at http://www.procurement service.org.
5. Bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting on the date stated in paragraph 2 upon payment to the Cashier of the Division Office of a non-refundable fee of Three Hundred Pesos only (P300.00)
6. Sealed bids, together with the bid security of equivalent percentage for the total bid amount as specified in ITB-7 page 5 of the Instruction to Bidders, must be delivered to the respective offices of the Division BAC at the time, date and place as indicated in the above paragraph 2. Said bids will be opened immediately for reading in public in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.
7. The Division BAC concerned reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality therein and award the furniture packages to one or more bidders.

(Sgd.) JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ
Undersecretary for Administration and Finance

(PDI - March 06 & 13, 2005)

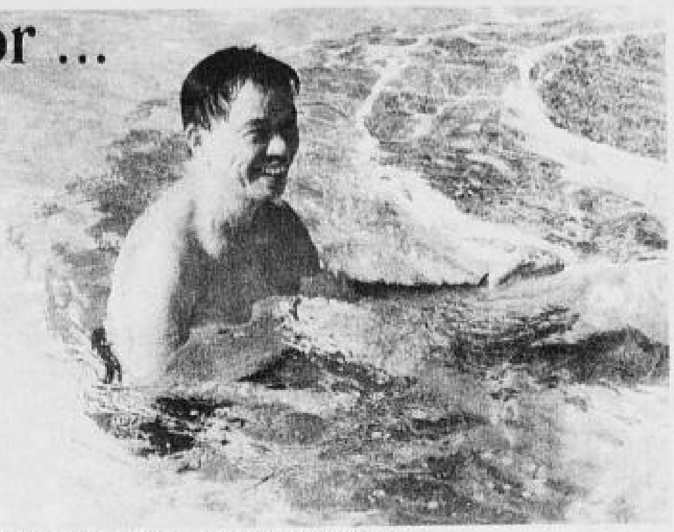
From janitor ...

From page B1

He handed out his Philippine Airlines business card to each staffer of the INQUIRER Business Section and carefully read each name on the business card handed him in return. He shook hands, too, with each one.

He asked many questions on the publishing industry. It was not just polite curiosity, he was really interested as he went as far as taking down notes, first at the back of a calling card and later on notebook pages handed him. Son Michael later told SundayBiz his father was always interested in new things especially their technical details. He said it probably came from his being an engineer.

Interestingly, he became a chemist of Bataan Cigar after college. In a brief bio of the taipan, it states that from his savings he went into business although his first two ventures were failures. He first established an electronics shop, producing transistor radios. Later, he put up Royal Cornstarch Corp., which also failed.


TAN's daily regimen includes swimming.

When Royal Cornstarch closed, he set up Himmel Industries Inc. in 1960. Himmel is a chemical trading firm which supplies major ingredients on the food, pharmaceutical, tobacco, beer, paint, ink, textile, cosmetics, paper, glue, plastic, rubber, PVC and cement industries.

That was Tan's first taste of success. It was uphill from then. In 1965 he set up Fortune Tobacco Corp.

Today the Lucio Tan empire includes Pan Asia Securities, Asia Brewery Inc., Tanduay Distillers Inc., University of the East, Lotte Philippines, Century Park Hotel, Charter House, Landcom Realty Corp., Manufacturing Services and Trade Corp., Grandspan Dev't. Corp. and Lucky Travel Corp.

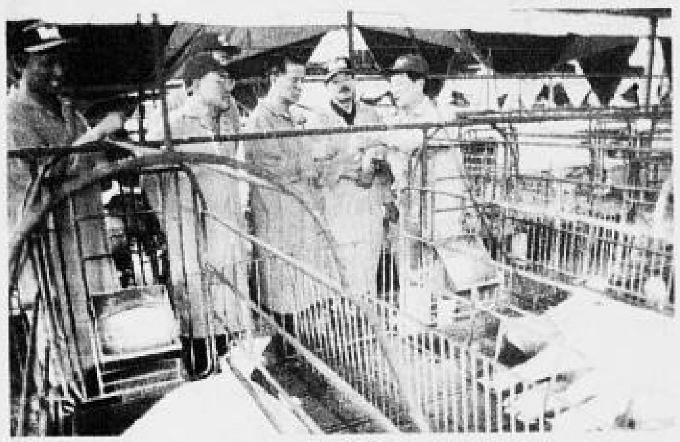
Asked what his vision is for his companies, he states "Better service, improve quality."

During the lunch son Michael would often repeat questions in Fookien to which Tan would answer in short statements.

He says he keeps fit by swimming and playing golf. But a book on him "compiled by the editorial board of celebrities albums of Sinhua News Agency says Tan and his former classmates at the Chiang Kai Shek High School would often get together in his basement in his house in Biak na Bato to dance.

Tan's basement is generally a movie theater where he says he watches all kinds of movies.

Tan has been taking the helicopter to work since the '70s to avoid the horrendous traffic in Manila. He also keeps his appointments on a piece of yellow pad paper although he uses a cell phone.


FOREMOST Farms is one of the biggest in Southeast Asia.

A tale of three determi

By Amy R. Remo

DUBBED as "The Pride of the Regions," the National Trade Fair 2005 continues to be a traditional crowd drawer with its amazing trove of products ranging from its diverse collection of houseware, furnishings, gifts, holiday decor, native delicacies to fashion accessories.

Organized by the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions, NTF 2005 runs until today at the Megatrade Hall, Building B of the SM Megamall. It showcases over 200 small- and medium-sized enterprises from 17 regions across the country.

Trade Undersecretary Zorayda Amelia Alonzo said during the opening ceremony last March 9 that NTF plays a vital role in the National Small and Medium Enterprise Development Plan of the government.

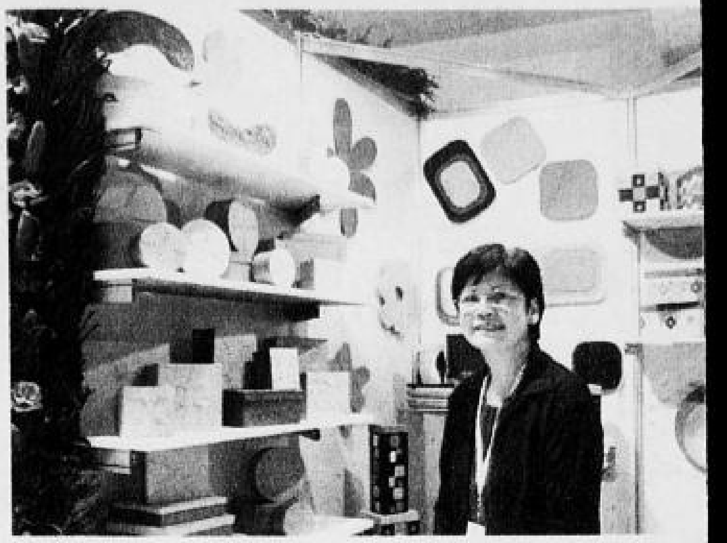
SMEs comprise about 99 percent of registered firms nationwide and employ at least 70 percent of the labor force.

"We are now tasked to develop and enforce a workable strategic development goal that will make SMEs' performance at par or better than our Asian counterparts," says Alonzo in her speech.

And the NTF, as the largest domestic fair in the country, stands as an active participant in these current developments as it showcases the output of SMEs for local, and eventually, foreign markets.

NTF also builds up a more favorable image for the businesses' products and their innovations as trade fairs allow exhibitors to introduce new products, meet business contacts, sound out the market and conduct preliminary talks.

INQUIRER sat down with three exhibitors, all of whom started as suppliers to local exporters. Except for one, these enterprises have now ventured on their own.


ALICE Aniag hopes the NTF will be her stepping stone to exporting. Belc
decor she supplies to local exporters and department stores.

C & K Handicraft

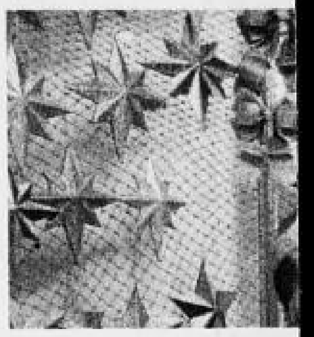
As a first-timer in NTF, owner-manager Alice U. Aniag is hopeful that this trade fair would serve as her ticket to the bigger, more challenging world of export business.

Despite being with trade fair veterans, Aniag feels confident that like other exporters, C & K can also produce world-class Christmas and holiday decors.

"After supplying decors to local exporters for about 12 years, I think I'm soon ready to export products on my own," Aniag tells the INQUIRER.

Based in Malolos, Bulacan, Aniag relates that C & K started as a hobby back in 1991.

Armed with a P30,000 capital, talent and determination, Aniag hired 20 workers to help her create and accent



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The downside, according

How to survive your BIR audit

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue has started to field its personnel to conduct audit, surveillance, inventory taking and other enforcement activities on taxpayers. The BIR is aggressively pursuing these to help meet its tax collection target of P546.9 billion for the year.

In the audit function, the BIR is increasingly using state of the art technology and better auditing techniques. These developments led to a situation where taxpayers will encounter more challenges and pressures in the course of a BIR audit.

To help taxpayers handle their BIR audit, the Knowledge Institute will hold once again its very successful tax seminar, "How to Survive your BIR Tax Audit" on March 15, 2005 at the Dusit Hotel Nikko, Makati City.

Among the topics to be discussed are the new No Audit Program under Executive Order No. 299, rights and remedies of the taxpayer, special investigation programs of the BIR, inside look of the BIR systems and processes, and tips on handling tax assessments successfully.

Speakers for this seminar include senior officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and tax partners of top accounting firm SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co.

To register, or for more information, contact Mylene del Mundo at 891-0307 local 7253, or e-mail mylene.r.del.mundo@ph.ey.com, or visit www.sgv.com.ph (For more information, contact Joel Tan-Torres, partner of SGV & Co. at 894-8159)

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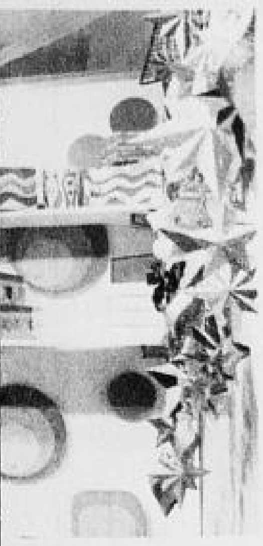

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PHOTOS BY ROMY HOMILLADA

JOCELYN Antonio says the intricate designs of their bags make them unique and difficult to imitate.

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She explains that there are a lot of individuals and companies who provide these services and thus, prices can be very competitive (meaning lower).

This is also one of the reasons why Aniag wanted to export on her own.

To date, C & K can produce about 100 sets (of three) boxes in a day, with the brown finishes as its bestseller. It employs around 60 people, half of which are in-house staff.

Although her realized profit is only about 20 percent of her gross sales, Aniag says she is contented knowing that the business is still thriving and that she is able to provide employment to her neighboring barrios.

C & K still supplies to local exporters and department stores but soon hopes to break away and carve its own niche in the international market.

FROM potholders to soft toys, MERR-C has now carved a niche in the international market as a maker of educational soft toys—her mom's idea, according to Margarita Miguel. Below is the "Today Is ..." toy, one of their bestsellers.

MERR-C Embroideries Export International

Despite experiencing one setback after another, the Miguel family behind MERR-C was not one to be easily disheartened.

MERR-C, which stands for Margarita, Enrico, Rosalinda, Rosalina and Clara, started off as a subcontractor for big local exporters, making potholders and other embroidered kitchen accessories with only five machines at hand.

Margarita, Rosalina and Clara are the three daughters of Enrico and Rosalinda, the brains behind this successful Bulacan-based exporting enterprise.

Unfortunate events, however, marked the first few years of their business venture.

"We faced a lot of difficulties back then including where to get capital and how to break in the international market," relates Margarita in Filipino. "But we did not give up."

In 1986, a fire gutted their small factory together with P700,000 worth of finished goods and raw materials.

A loan from a relative helped MERR-C get back on its feet.

Although it started joining fairs as early as 1987, MERR-C only mustered enough courage to export on its own in 1994.

Margarita, who is also MERR-C's marketing assistant, adds that it was in the early '90s that MERR-C expanded its product line to include educational soft toys, one of her mom's ideas.

MERR-C's biggest break, however, would come in the form of rejected toys.

In 1993, MERR-C made samples of educational soft toys worded in various foreign languages at the request of a local export buyer. But the client never picked up the toys.

Unfazed, Margarita's parents instead displayed these unclaimed toys in one of the trade fairs rather than throw them away.

These toys became an instant hit and paved the way for MERR-C to be known in the international market as a prime maker of educational soft toys. It started to export products on its own in 1994.

To date, MERR-C exports three-in-one storytelling dolls, educational soft toys, children's bags, and kitchen accessories to France, UAE, Germany, Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, US, Hawaii and Switzerland.

Its biggest client is Nature Decourvertes from France, which orders specifically its "Today Is..." toy. Of this toy alone, MERR-C sells an average of 15,000 pieces in a span of 3 months, costing about $6 a piece.

Prime Legacy Inc.

When the kids took charge in 2001, they gave the name Prime Legacy Inc. to their parents' 40-year-old handicraft business.

Jocelyn Nacion-Antonio, company director and daughter of Prime owner Nelda Nacion, tells the INQUIRER that the company's new name speaks of what the business means to them—a legacy from their parents, which she and her other siblings are currently enjoying.

Formerly called Nacion's Handicrafts, Prime Legacy is a maker of handicrafts, bags and accessories made of *abaca*, *bancuan* (sea grass), leather, cloth and raffia fiber.

Similarly, Prime started off as a subcontractor, supplying bags to big local exporters in Manila and in their native Albay.

Despite failures in retail ventures, cancelled orders and the export slump in the '80s, Prime remained steadfast.

It was only in 2002 that Prime began exporting on its own with Japan as its biggest client for hand embroidered bags. It also exports to Singapore, Malaysia and the United States.

"We wanted to export in Europe but we were told that our colorful bags do not have a market in Europe, where people prefer toned-down bags of simpler designs," explains Antonio.

A hand embroidered bag, which usually costs around P1,300 to P2,500, may take anywhere between two days and two weeks to finish, depending on how intricate the designs are.

These uniquely-designed bags donning various bright colors are often embellished with beads and French knotted raffia fibers, each of which are painstakingly placed on the bag by hand. Almost all materials are sourced locally.

"Admittedly, the bag can be replicated but not in the same quality as our bags given their intricate, difficult designs," says Antonio.

To date, Prime Legacy produces about 1,000 to 2,500 bags a month, depending on the season and the demand for its one-of-a kind bags.

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Rockwell Drive corner
Estrella St., Makati Tel. No. (632)
890-6888 / 756-5022
www.e-rockwell.com

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PRISM

PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILIZATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International, Inc. is soliciting offers for:

Conduct of Training Needs Assessment (TNA) of Solo Private Practice Midwives in the National Capital Region, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao

Background

The PRISM Project is supporting the development of a Midwife Entrepreneur Program (MEP) which is designed to provide private practice midwives with clinical knowledge and skills in providing family planning services, access to contraceptive commodities that would be affordable to their clientele, improved business management skills and access to investment capital required to improve or expand their private practice. In establishing the MEP, PRISM will undertake a series of studies to identify and understand the different midwife private practice types, including organization and content of services and service delivery strategies; assess the degree to which family planning is incorporated in their practice; determine cost structures of midwife private practice and investment needs to improve the financial performance and ability to expand midwife private practice to include improved family planning services.

Qualification Requirements

- Must have a proven track record in the conduct of mapping research, surveys or profiling activities and completed a similar engagement within the last 3 years;
- Have established network with midwifery associations and other relevant organizations to facilitate data gathering;
- Have a team of qualified personnel to manage and execute the expected outputs;
- Have an existing cadre of interviewers and field supervisors who are experienced in the conduct of health survey research
- Must be a Philippine-registered institution or organization;
- Must be in operation for the past 5 years;
- Must have a positive net worth for the year 2004

For a copy of the Request for Proposal, please get in touch with Ms. Ces G. Pangilinan, Funds Specialist at (02) 397-2359; 397-2362. You may also email: cpangilinan@prism.org.ph.

The deadline for submission of proposals is on March 28, 2005.

The Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on March 15, 2005 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the PRISM Office, Suite 1905 Galleria Corporate Center, EDSA, Quezon City.

Department of Transportation and Communications
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
OLD MIA ROAD, PASAY CITY,
METRO MANILA

IN RE : Petition for Issuance of Authority to Operate Non-Scheduled International Air Transportation Services) CAB CASE NO. 26695

TRANSGLOBAL AIRWAYS, CORP.
Petitioner

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 776, as amended, notice is hereby given that **TRANSGLOBAL AIRWAYS, CORPORATION** has filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board a Petition for Issuance of Authority to Operate Non Scheduled International Air Transportation Services docketed as CAB Case No. 26695. The initial hearing on the above entitled case will be held on **28 March 2005 at 2:00 P.M.** in the CAB Conference Room of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Old MIA Road, Pasay City, before the undersigned Hearing Officer, at which hearing the petitioner shall present evidence.

The petitioner ishereby required to have this Notice of Hearing served upon Philippine Airlines, Inc. Cebu Pacific Air, Air Philippines Corporation, Asian Spirit, SEAIR, Inc. and Interisland Resorts and Services, Inc. either by personal service or by registered mail with return card at least three (3) days before the scheduled hearing.

Parties opposed to the granting of the petition must file their written opposition on or before the date of the hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the petitioner, and appear at the hearing with such evidence as may be prepair under the premises. Failure on the part of any interested party to file its opposition on time and appear at the hearing shall be construed as a waiver of its right to be heard and the Civil Aeronautics Board shall proceed to hear and decide this petition on its merit.

Let a copy of this Notice be posted at the CAB Bulletin Board beginning today.

03 March 2005
Pasay City, Philippines

(Sgd.) **MANUEL A. MORENTE, JR.**
Chief, Legal & Enforcement Division

(PDI – March 6, 13 & 20, 2005)

Invitation for Bids

FILIPINAS EYE CENTER FOUNDATION, Inc.

Construction and Creation of a National Eye Referral Center in the Philippines

Acquisition of Medical Equipment for the Sentro Oftalmológico Jose Rizal

1. The Filipinas Eye Center Foundation, Inc. (FECFI) has received a grant from the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) for the **"Construction and Creation of a National Eye Referral Center in the Philippines"**
2. The construction of the facility is now complete and it is comprised of six operating rooms, one large general clinic, seven specialty clinics and three diagnostic and laser treatment rooms. The Sentro is envisioned to served more than 50,000 patients for consultation per year and about 5,000 surgeries annually.
3. FECFI now invites sealed bids for the **Acquisition of Medical Equipment for the Sentro Oftalmológico Jose Rizal.**
4. Bidding will be conducted through open international competitive bidding
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Filipinas Eye Center Foundation, Inc. (FECFI) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon sending a written application through the fax number below. The document can be picked up at the FECFI office and/ or sent by e-mail to the bidders.
7. Bids must be delivered at the address below on or before April 28, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of no less than 30,000 US Dollars or an equivalent amount in Philippines Peso. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who will opt to attend the bidding at the address below on April 28, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Marita V.T. Reyes
President
Filipinas Eye Center Foundation, Inc.
Sentro Oftalmológico Jose Rizal Building
Philippine General Hospital Compound
Taft Avenue, Manila
00-63-2-404-37 - 38 (Direct Line) 00-63-2-400-01 - 20 (Telefax)
fecfi@i-manila.com.ph

(PDI - March 13, 2005)

WHERE YOU FIND THE BEST.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Bids and Awards Committee
Division of Agusan del Sur
THIRD ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROJECT
Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur

March 13, 2005

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Package 1: **Construction of One (1) Unit – Four (4) Classroom Elevated School Building @ San Marcos Elementary School, Bunawan, Agusan del Sur**

Package 2: **Construction of One (1) Unit – Three (3) Classroom Elevated School Building @ Mambalili Elementary School, Bunawan, Agusan del Sur.**

Package 3: **Construction of One (1) Unit – Three (3) Classroom Elevated School Building @ Sabang Adgawan Elementary School, Lapaz, Agusan del Sur.**

(Funded by GOP and World Bank Loan No. 4108PH)

To All Eligible Bidders:

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the *World Bank* towards the financing of Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) and intends to apply part or the whole of the proceeds of this loan together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payment under the contract.

The Department of Education now invites sealed Bids from the eligible Bidders for the above-mentioned packages. Completion of the works is required in 90 Calendar Days.

The procurement will be conducted in accordance with the applicable version of the World Bank's Guidelines: *Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidders at the following address and uponpayment of a nonrefundable fee of Php 1,500 starting on March 16, 2005.

Department of Education
Division of Agusan del Sur
Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur

Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount of two and a half percent (2.5%) of the total price, and shall be delivered to the Bids and Awards Committee, Department of Education on or before 10:00 A.M. on April 12, 2005 at the same address as above at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.

A pre-bid conference will be held on March 28, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. at DepEd Division Office, Prosperidad, Agusal del Sur to respond to prospective Bidder's questions regarding any matter contained in the Bidding Documents.

The Department of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **CRUCITA ZM. TAALA**
Chairperson
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - March 13, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
THIRD ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROJECT
Bids and Awards Committee

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

March 13, 2005

To All Qualified Bidders:

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has earmarked funds for the **Construction of One (1) Unit – Two (2) Storey Division Office Building of Benguet.**
2. The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Construction of One (1) Unit – Two (2) Storey Division Office of Benguet.** Interested bidders should be accredited by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) and must be classified at least "Medium A".
3. Bidding documents may be purchased at the **Office of Bids and Award Committee (BAC)** with address at **Department of Education Division of Benguet, Km. 5 La Trinidad, Benguet** for a nonrefundable fee of Php 2,500.00 for each set from March 14, 2005 - April 13, 2005. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount of 2.5% of total bid price, and shall be delivered to the **Bids and Awards Committee, Department of Education** on or before April 14, 2005; 10:00 AM: Department of Education Division of Benguet, Km. 5, La Trinidad, Benguet.
5. A pre-submission conference will be held on March 28, 2005; 10:00 AM at the same address where all questions by interested bidders on any matter pertaining to bidding instructions, requirements, building plans and specifications, and contract conditions shall be responded to by the Bids and Awards Committee.
6. The Department of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby which may be found disadvantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **NANCY G. LUMBAS**
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee
Department of Education
Division of Benguet

(PDI - March 13, 2005)

Kagawaran ng Ugnayang Panlabas Department of Foreign Affairs

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila
Bids and Awards Commitee

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs-Bids and Awards Commitee (DFA-BAC) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and bid for the:

A. **JANITORIAL SERVICE CONTRACT**
B. **PEST CONTROL SERVICE CONTRACT**
C. **CONTRACT FOR THE LEASE OF PHOTOCOPYING MACHINES**
D. **SECURITY SERVICE CONTRACT (Home and Regional Offices)**

Interested bidders may acquire bid documents from 07 to 23 March 2005, at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Bldg., 2330 Roxas Blvd., Pasay City, (tel. nos. 834-4066 and fax nos. 831-95-84) upon submission of Letter of Intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) to the **Cashier's Office**, Office of Fiscal Management, 4th Floor, DFA Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Applications for eligibility and bid evaluation shall use the "PASS/FAIL" criteria.

ACTIVITY	JANITORIAL	SECURITY	PHOTOCOPIER	PEST CONTROL
Pre-bid Conference	30 Mar 2005	31 Mar 2005	30 Mar 2005	31 Mar 2005
Last Day of Submission of Bid Requirements	12 Apr 2005 (1:30 pm)	13 Apr 2005 (1:30 pm)	12 Apr 2005 (1:30 pm)	13 Apr 2005 (1:30 pm)
Opening of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals	12 Apr 2005 (2:30 pm)	13 Apr 2005 (2:30 pm)	12 Apr 2005 (2:30 pm)	13 Apr 2005 (2:30 pm)

DFA-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons, and to waive any deficiencies and rquired formalities embodied therein. DFA-BAC assumes no obligations whatsoever to offset the expenses and/or losses the bidder may have incurred in the preparation of the bids. DFA-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, and/or not to award the contract, and makes no assurances that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN**
Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs
Chairman, DFA-BAC

(PDI - March 06 & 13, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD

Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 777
Series of 2005

ACCREDITING SOCIALIZED CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS AS MODE OF COMPLIANCE TO SECTION 18 OF R.A. 7279

WHEREAS, the scarcity and prohibitive cost of land in urban centers for development into socialized housing projects results in higher cost of units far beyond the means of the beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to enhance the production of socialized housing units;

WHEREAS, in view of this commitment, the Board is considering other modes of compliance, under Section 18 of R.A. 7279;

WHEREAS, accrediting condominium projects sold at socialized housing rates will increase the production of socialized housing;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that condominium sold at socialized housing rates be accredited as social housing compliance under Section 18 of R.A. 7279.

APPROVED, 07 February 2005, Makati City.

THE HONORABLE NOLI L. DE CASTRO
Vice President of the Philippines &
HUDCC Chairman

RAMON J. LIWAG
Undersecretary, DOJ
Ex-Officio Commissioner

ROMULO Q. FABUL
Chief Executive Officer
and Commissioner

EDUARDO R. SOLIMAN, JR.
Undersecretary, DILG
Ex-Officio Commissioner

TERESITA A. DESIERTO
Commissioner

AUGUSTO B. SANTOS
Deputy Director General, NEDA

FRANCISCO L. DAGNALAN
Commissioner

JOEL I. JACOB
DPWH
Ex-Officio Commissioner

JESUS YAP PANG
Commissioner

Attested By:

CHARITO B. LANSANG
Board Secretary

(PDI - March 13, 2005)

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
THIRD ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROJECT
Bids and Awards Committee

March 13, 2005

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

REHABILITATION OF EXISTING OFFICE BUILDING FOR THE NATIONAL EDUCATORS' ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES (NEAP) BAGUIO CITY

To All Qualified Bidders:

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the *World Bank* towards the cost of financing the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments for civil works component of the project. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines for Procurement under World Bank Loans.*
2. The Regional Bids and Awards Committee (RBAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the above described civil works.
3. Bidding documents may be purchased at the **Office of the Regional Bids and Award Committee (RBAC)** with address at **Department of Education Regional Office, Cordillera Administrative Region, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet** for a non-refundable fee of Php 2,500.00 for each set from March 14, 2005-April 13, 2005. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by a security in the amount of 2.5% of total bid price, and shall be delivered to the **Regional Bids and Awards Committee, Department of Education – National Educator's Academy of the Philippines (NEAP), Teachers' Camp, Baguio City on or before April 14, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.**
5. A pre-submission conference will be held on March 28, 2005; 2:00 PM at the **Department of Education Regional Office, Cordillera Administrative Region, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet** where all questions by interested bidders on any matter pertaining to bidding instructions, requirements, building plans and specifications, and contract conditions shall be responded to by the Regional Bids and Awards Committee.
6. The Department of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **BENITO S. TUMAMAO, CESO V**
Chairperson, Regional Bids and Awards Committee
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region

(PDI - March 13, 2005)

Invitation for Tender

The **Belgian Integrated Agrarian Reform Programme** (BIARSP) is a bilateral development programme between the Governments of the Philippines and Belgium. Its aim is to assist the Department of Land Reform (DLR) to successfully complete the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). Among others, this is achieved through the strengthening of the cooperatives and people's organizations in regions 7 and 9 including the province of Basilan.

Three years ago the BIARSP launched 20 pilot cooperatives in the field of "Savings and Credit" generation. Most of these cooperatives have been able to establish themselves as viable and profit-generating operations under the permanent coaching of the DLR. Strict adherence to managerial and repayment procedures was the key to the success.

The existing SaCred (Savings & Credit) centers have been using a computerized system in all their operations. The system greatly facilitated the conduct of the business operation by the cooperatives as well as the monitoring of the performance of the centers using the PEARLS ratio indicators.

In order to sustain this achievement the BIARSP is looking for consultancy firms or individuals to advise the BIARSP and the DLR on the efficiency of the used accounting software and to recommend ways to upgrade the system software in accordance to the monitoring requirements of the Co-operative and the Co-operative Development Authority (CDA) such as accounting and the Coop PESOS/PEARLS.

Minimum requirements for eligibility are:

1. Have good knowledge of program analysis
2. Have good working knowledge of computer languages amongst other, notably; Visual Basic, DOS.
3. Have good knowledge of MS Access.
4. Have good understanding of accounting.
5. Experience with Micro-finance is required.
6. Prepared to travel in all 8 provinces of regions 7 and 9.

The BIARSP-TSCO advises interested parties to seek more information (Terms of Reference) at the **Technical Support and Coordination Office** in Dumaguete Negros Oriental through e-mail *(tsco@biarsp.org)* within two weeks after the date of this publication. Or you may call us at tel #s: (035) 255-5929-30, 255-8661; 422 7459 Our fax # is (035) 422-7736.

(PDI - March 13, 2005)

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- Proficient in Macromedia/Adobe applications, 2D / 3D Animation & Audio / Video Production
- Knowledgeable in both PC and Mac operating systems, network & components
- Must have an Advertising background and successful track record in related position

ACCOUNT & MARKETING SUPERVISOR – Job Reference Code: AS
- Male or Female 26 to 35 years old. Preferably Communications or Marketing graduate
- Adept at Client servicing, fulfilling deadlines, Meeting sales quotas and Handling pressure
- Articulate. Team builder, results oriented with Excellent presentation skills
- Must have an Advertising background and successful track record in related position

COPYWRITER – Job Reference Code: CW
- Male or Female 21 to 27 years old, preferably Communications or Advertising graduate
- Adept at Research, Formulating concepts, Editing & Writing content materials for web / tri-media
- Articulate. Team player. Results oriented with Excellent presentation skills
- Must have an Advertising background and successful track record in related position

ASSOCIATE MULTI MEDIA ARTIST – Job Reference Code: MM
- Male or Female, 21 to 25 years old. Preferably Multi Media Arts or Fine Arts graduate
- Proficient in Macromedia / Adobe applications, 2D / 3D Animation & Audio / Video Production
- Knowledgeable in both PC and Mac operating systems, network & components
- Must have at least 6 months solid experience in related position

JUNIOR WEB DESIGNER & DEVELOPER – Job Reference Code: DD
- Male or Female, 21 to 27 years old. Preferably Computer Science graduate
- Proficient in Dreamweaver, Flash, HTML, ASP, Javascript & similar programs
- Knowledgeable in both PC and Mac operating systems network & components
- Must have at least 6 months solid experience in related position

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Job Reference Code: AA
- Male or Female, 21 to 27 years old. Preferably Accountancy graduate
- Adept at Bookkeeping, Payroll & other computing transactions
- Proficient in Office applications such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- With pleasing personality and Excellent communication skills
- Must have at least 6 months solid experience in related position

Interested applicant may send application letter, resumé, 2x2 I.D. picture & Transcript of Records to E-magenation 26/F Pacific Star Building, Makati Ave., Makati City or e-mail apply@e-magenation.com (kindly indicate the Job Reference Code as Subject. Use text format only & no attachments please)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be informed that the series of Sales Counselor's Temporary Receipts (SCTRs) and Official Recipts (ORs) of Philam Plans, Inc. listed below are missing. Henceforth any transaction entered into, using the said Sales Counselor's Temporary Receipts and Official Receipts and Cash Bond Reserve Checks shall no longer be honored.

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259926-259930	3273951-3274000	5663891
223786-223790	4510801-4510820	5663889
260121-260125	3629601-3629650	5663896
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259846-259850	4510841-4510841	
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- ➢ Willing to work on Saturdays and Holiday shifts

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- ➢ Pleasing personality with a good command in written and spoken English
- ➢ Must possess high principles and integrity
- ➢ Willing to work on Saturdays and Holiday shifts
- ➢ Computer literate (MS Word, Excel, and Outlook Express)

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- ➢ Graduate of any four year-degree course
- ➢ Proficient in Windows applications – MS Word, Excel, Outlook Express
- ➢ Experience in general office management is an advantage
- ➢ Pleasing personality with a good command in written and spoken English

Qualified applicants may submit their letter of intent and comprehensive resume with 2 x 2 colored photo, Transcript of Records, NBI clearance to the address below or send to e-mail address: **mia.acuna@gulfexpress.com.ph or acunamia@yahoo.com**

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Please be informed that a Warrant of Arrest for the Crime of Estafa has been issued by the Regional Trial Court of Mandaluyong City in Criminal Case No. MC-04-8239 against **Mrs. NILDA ZAPANTA y ELERIA** whose picture appears above.

Kindly convey any information on Mrs. Zapanta's present whereabouts to **Atty. Pedro M. De Leon Jr.**, Rustan Commercial Corporation, Level 21, Enterprise Center Tower 2, 6766 Ayala Avenue cor. Paseo De Roxas Makati City, with Tel. Nos. 885-760 and Fax No. 886-6175. Any information concerning Mrs. Zapanta's whereabouts shall be treated confidentially. Thank you.

(PDI - March 7&13, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The U.P. Baguio, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project

Project: SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF LIBRARY SECURITY SYSTEM	Project: SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF (19) units LABORATORY TABLES
Location: UP BAGUIO MAIN LIBRARY	Location: COLLEGE OF SCIENCE COMPLEX BUILDING, UP BAGUIO
Brief Description: 1. Detection System: (1) Set Ellipse System, Single Aisle (2-Antennas), Electronic Magnetic (EM) System 2. Activator / Deactivator: Counter top 3. Accessories: EM Strips for Books, CD's, Video (VHS) tapes, and Audio tapes Includes the design and installation, system training, after-sales services/support, and warranty.	Brief Description: Dimension: 4.0m (L) x 1.0m (W) x 0.9m (H) Table top: FIBERGLASS, ACID-RESISTANT & THERMAL-RESISTANT TOP with Reagent Rack (all-white color). Epoxy-coated base wooden panel assembly with Adjustable leveler; Features: 16-Base cabinet with one (1) swing door; Fixture: (4) Electrical outlets 220VAC; (2) Florescent Light 40 watts; Including delivery, hook-up materials, positioning electrical works and installations, Canopy hood, motor blower, and duct works; with warranty
Approved Budget for the Contract: P1,500,000.00	Approved Budget for the Contract: P2,033,000.00
Delivery Period: 30 days	Delivery Period: 30 days

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post Evaluation of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted. All particular relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding conference (2), Evaluation of Bids, Post Qualification and Award of contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities Schedule	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents (obtained from the SPMO c/o Mr. Jun Movilla)	– March 14-29, 2005
2. Preparation of Bids	– March 14-April 08, 2005
3. Pre-Bid Conference (9:00 AM at Chancellor's Conf. Rm.)	– March 30, 2005
4. Submission and Opening of Bids (Bids must be received not later than 8:30 AM at the Chancellor's Office. Opening of Bids at 9:00 AM at the Chancellor's Conf. Rm)	– April 11, 2005
5. Bid Evaluation and Post-qualification	– April 11-15, 2005
6. Notice of Award	– April 18, 2005

Bid Documents will be available only to eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P1,000.00 to the UP Baguio Cashier. The UP Baguio reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to the bidder whose proposal is deemed the most advantageous to the University.

(Sgd.) BIENVENIDO C. MARZAN
Vice Chancellor for Administration-BAC Chairman

(PDI-March 13 & 20, 2005)

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- ➢ Excellent in both written and spoken English
- ➢ Proficient in computer literacy
- ➢ Experience in the retail industry is an advantage
- ➢ Graduate of any Business or related course, between 25 – 35 years old

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS STAFF
- ➢ Graduate of Computer Science or Information Technology
- ➢ Knowledgeable in project management, system analysis and design, database management. Knowledge in Chase Technologies POS Software is an advantage.
- ➢ Must be hardworking, highly motivated and willing to extend working hours.
- ➢ At least 20 – 28 years old

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- ➢ Shall be responsible for the outlet/store operation, sales, and staff supervision.
- ➢ An experience in the retail industry in an advantage.
- ➢ Pleasing personality with a good command in written and spoken English
- ➢ Must possess high principles and integrity
- ➢ Willing to work on Weekends and Holidays
- ➢ Must be knowledgeable in basic computer operations.

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Lanang, Davao City
Tel/Fax: (082) 300-1695 / e-mail: smiczmp@hotmail.com

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

March 13 and 20, 2005
Contract No: SMICZMP-RPFC-03

1. The Government of the Philippines has received an ODA Loan from Japan Bank for International Cooperation, hereinafter referred to as the JBIC, in the amount of 3,201 Million Yen toward the cost of the Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (loan agreement signed 10 September 1996), and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued.

2. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, hereinafter "the Employer," intends to have eligible contractors for the construction and completion of the following component under this project, as follows:

Project Title: River Protection/Flood Control Project – Package 3

Scope of Work: Contract calls for the construction of the following data as specified on the table below:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	PROJECT LOCATION
Construction of 2 units of Check Dam	Malandag, Malungon, Sarangani Province
Construction of 3 units of Siltation Dam	Kabiacan, Maasim, Sarangani Province
Construction of 142 meters Gabion Revetment	Bianan, T'boli, South Cotabato
Construction of 2 units of Spur Dike	Bianan, T'boli, South Cotabato
Construction of 2 units of Check Dam	Magsaysay, Polomolok, South Cotabato
Construction of 384 meters Gabion Revetment	Koronadal Proper, Polomolok, South Cotabato
Construction of 290 meters Gabion Revetment	Buayan River Mouth, Buayan, General Santos City

3. Application for eligibility and to bid is open to all firms and voluntarily formed joint ventures from local competitive bidding, in accordance with the Guidelines for Procurement under JBIC ODA Loans.

4. Eligible applicants may obtain further information and acquire the eligibility documents starting March 14 to 23, 2005 by calling, writing, faxing, or telexing or by electronic mail: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (SMICZMP) Project Management Office, Door 3, Felbet's Bldg., Km. 7, Lanang, Davao City, Philippines. Telefax No.: (082) 300-1695, E-mail: smiczmp@hotmail.com or Project Management Office (Home Office Support Unit) – Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (SMICZMP), 2nd Floor FASPO Building, DENR Compound, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City, TeleFax No.: (02) 928-1225.

5. The request must clearly state "Request for Eligibility Documents for the Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project – River Protection/Flood Control – Package 3: SMICZMP-RPFC-03". The documents are available for a nonrefundable fee of P3,000.00. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will promptly dispatch the documents by registered airmail, but under no circumstances will it be held responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so mailed.

6. The minimum requirement to be eligible is to have a.) Successfully carried out successful experience as prime contractor in the execution of at least three projects of the same nature and complexity comparable to the proposed contract, within the last 5 years; b) Average annual turnover as prime contractor over the last five years of P110.0 million, and c.) Registered under Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) with minimum category of "AAA: and Classification and Registration of Large "B" in GENERAL ENGINEERING – 2 (GE-2, Irrigation and Flood Control)

7. Applications must be received in sealed envelopes, either delivered by hand or by registered mail to:

Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project
Project Management Office,
Door 3, Felbet's Building, Km. 7, Lanang, Davao City, Philippines
not later than 5.00 PM of 14 April 2005

and be clearly marked:

"Application for Eligibility and to Bid for Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project – River Protection/Flood Control – Package 3; SMICZMP-RPFC-03"

8. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) reserves the right to accept or reject late applications.

9. Applicants will be advised, in due course, of the results of their applications. Only firms and joint ventures eligible under this procedure will be invited to bid.

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARIO C. DUAVES
BAC - Chairman
Chief, Legal Division/DENR-Region XI

(PDI - March 13 & 20, 2005)

Invitation to Bid

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Interested bidders may secure bid document from Mr. A.R. de Castro at Caltex (Phil.), Inc., 7th Flr., 6750 Office Tower Bldg., Ayala Ave., Makati City, tel. no. 841-1818, during office hours, Mondays to Fridays.

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Notice is hereby given of the extrajudicial settlement among heirs of the estate of the late CONCEPCION ONG MENDEZ on March 10, 2004 entered as Doc No 168 Page No 33 Book II Series of 2004 of Notary Public Atty Allen Grace Q Villareal-Bermejo of Iriga City. (PDI-March 13, 20 &27,2005)

PERSONAL

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT Holy Spirit thou who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your Perpetual Glory. Amen.

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San Juan, La Union

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID FOR TRUCKING/HAULING SERVICES

The NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) invites all interested Trucking/Hauling Operators to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply of Trucking/Hauling Services for 2005 NFA Imported Rice covering the following specific routes:

A. From La Union Staging Warehouses to the different warehouses in Region I.

Prov.	Lot No	Receiving Whse.	DIK	Volume (bags)	Trucking Reqmt. (No.)	Load/Capacity Reqmt.	Approved ABC
Abra	1	Bangued	138	7,300	1	400	111,836.00
Benguet	2	Kadiwa Whse.	68.5	95,200	7	2,100	1,570,800.00
I. Sur	3	Chua Whse.	60.1	14,600	2	800	103,368.00
I. Sur	4	Sta. Maria Whse.	91.7	11,000	2	800	118,030.00
I. Norte	5	Laoag GID	214	43,900	5	2,000	948,679.00
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B. From Pier to the different warehouses in Region I.

Prov.	Lot No	Receiving Whse.	DIK	Volume (bags)	Trucking Reqmt. (No.)	Load/Capacity Reqmt.	Approved ABC
Benguet	6	Loakan GID	75.5	18,300	7	2,100	P301,950.00
I. Sur	7	Tagudin FLGC	54.9	6,800	1	400	43,656.00
E. Pang.	8	Rosales I	99.4	51,300	7	2,800	596,619.00
	9	Rosales II	99.4	18,300	3	1,200	212,829.00
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Trucks/units of prospective bidders must be classified as "Trucks-for-Hire". Trucking/Hauling Operators may bid in any or all specified/preferred destinations

The Schedule of Bidding activities as follows:

Activities	Date
1. Issuance of Application and List of Eligibility Requirements, Bidding Documents	March 14-29, 2005 (8:00 AM-5:00 PM)
2. Pre-Bidding Conference	March 30, 2005 (10:00 AM)
1. Deadline of Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals (Opening of Bids will follow immediately)	April 12, 2005 (10:00 AM)

The application forms, eligibility requirements and other bid documents shall be obtained from the RBAC Secretariat after payment of a non-refundable bidding fee in the amount of P5,000.00

The pre-bid conference and bidding proper shall be conducted at the NFA Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NFA Office Building, San Juan, La Union. All Trucking/Hauling Operators interested to participate in the bidding must be registered/accredited with NFA. Interested bidders who are not NFA-accredited Trucking/Hauling Operators and/or whose registration had already expired may still participate provided they shall apply for accreditation/renewal at NFA Region I not later than March 29, 2005.

The eligibility of prospective bidders shall be determined using simple "Pass/Fail" criteria and shall be considered as either "eligible" or "ineligible". If the prospective bidder is rated "Passed" for all the requirements, he shall be considered "eligible". If the prospective bidder is rated "Failed" in any one of the requirements, he shall be considered ineligible.

A single stage bidding will be adopted using a simple pass/fail criteria for the evaluation. The prospective bidders shall sumbit simultaneously three (3) envelopes, one containing the eligibility requirements and two (2) envelopes containing bidding documents. Contents of each of the bid envelopes are specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Eligibility criteria includes among others that the value of the prospective bidders largest contract within the last three (3) years, adjusted to current prices, completed within the period and similar to the contract to be bid at least fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the contract to be bid.

THE NFA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITIES OR DEFECTS FOUND THEREIN OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS OR TO AWARD TO ANY CONTRACTOR WHOSE BID IS CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE NFA AND/OR TO THE GOVERNMENT.

For further inquiries, please contact the RBAC Chairman Ruben S. Rimando or RBAC Secretariat Ms. Gloria Dacian at the Regional Office 01, San Juan, La Union or at Tel. Nos. (072) 242-59-09 or (072) 700-25-79.

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Training course on food processing

THE FOOD Development Center (FDC) of the National Food Authority (NFA) will be conducting a training course on "Requirements for Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in the Handling and Processing of Foods" on March 13, 20, 27 and April 2. FDC director Alicia O. Lustre said the training will enhance the participants' knowhow on the standards and procedures in manufacturing food plants and their adoption under local conditions. Lustre also cited that the training is specially designed for quality control and food plant supervisors and exporters. The training course fee per participant is P1, 600.00, inclusive of a training manual, lunch, snacks and a shuttle bus service from Ayala Center in Makati to the FDC and back. For further inquiries on the training course, interested parties may contact Amelia S. Bautista at telephone nos. 8384015; 838-4561; 838-4478 or transmit fax message at 838-4016 and 838-4692 or send e-mail at infofdc@pacific.net.ph.

NFA relief operation in Sulu continues

THE NATIONAL Food Authority here continues to provide the rice for relief operation in the province of Sulu in coordination with the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC). As of March 3, the NFA had already released a total of 450 bags of rice through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC). The PDCC has asked the NFA to serve the affected 2,409 families from the municipalities of Panglima Estino, Panamao, Jolo, Parang, Patikul, Kalingalang Caluang, Indanan, Luuk, Maimbung and Talipao. According to NFA Jolo provincial manager Radzhata Julkanain, the food agency is in constant coordination with the local government units of Sulu to monitor the needed rice requirements of the affected areas. Meanwhile, as of Feb. 16, some 9,000 bags of Thailand rice from NFA Zambonga have been unloaded in Sulu intended for the relief operations. For more information on the NFA relief operations in Sulu, the public may use the Text NFA Program by sending their inquiries, suggestions or complaints to mobile number 0917-6210927.

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He was laid to rest last February 23, 2005 in Loyola Memorial Park Marikina.

With deep gratitude to God
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the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga
and the Cunanan – Vitug Family
announce the transition of

REV. FR. MARLON VITUG CUNANAN

to the Heavenly Father.

His mortal remains lie in state at the St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, St. Jude Village, San Agustin, City of San Fernando, Pampanga from March 11 to March 15, 2005. On March 15 at 9:00 a.m., his mortal remains will be transferred to the Family Residence, Concepcion, Lubao, Pampanga. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the San Agustin Parish Church, Lubao, Pampanga on March 16, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. after the Funeral Mass the burial takes place immediately at the Clergy Common Burial Ground at the Holy Mary Memorial Park, Angeles City.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

— John 3:16

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FOURTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

ADOLFO R. RIVA

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Holy Masses for his eternal peace and happiness will be offered on March 16, 2005 at the following churches:

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Church of the Resurrection *Phase 1, BF Homes, Parañaque*	5:30 AM
Church of the Presentation of the Child Jesus *Parañaque*	6:45 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish *13th Ave., Cubao, QC*	7:00 AM
The Shrine of St. Joseph *Aurora Blvd., Proj. 3, QC*	6:15 AM
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish *Proj. 4, QC*	6:00 AM
The Nativity of the Lord Parish *Ermin Garcia, Cubao, QC*	6:30 PM
Christ the King Church *E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd., QC*	6:30 AM
Immaculate Concepcion Parish *Lantana St., Cubao, QC*	7:00 AM 6:00 PM
Parish of the Holy Sacrifice *UP Diliman, QC*	6:00 AM
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish *U.P. Village, Diliman*	6:00 AM 6:00 PM
St. John the Baptist Parish *Pinaglabanan, San Juan*	5:45 AM 5:15 PM
Santuario de San Jose *Greenhills, San Juan*	7:15 AM
Mary the Queen Parish *Greenhills, San Juan*	6:00 AM 6:00 PM
Our Lady of EDSA *EDSA cor. Ortigas Ave., San Juan*	12:15 PM
The Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help *Baclaran*	5:30 AM
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His wife **Lilia**; children **Ruby & Manny Gervasio, Rona Marie, Obet & Mary Ann** and grandchildren **Lianne, Dino, Jason, Teddy, Gigi, Roald, Reggie, Raiza, Glo & Pao** request relatives, friends, associates here & abroad and all those lives he touched to remember him in their prayers.

DR. ROSARIO T. ALMEDA ED. D.

(former principal of Aurora Quezon Elementary School, San Andres-Manila)

Peacefully joined her Creator and her beloved husband Ricardo, Sr. on March 10, 2005 at the age of 74.

Her children **Raymond, Rene** and Chit, **Ricky** and Kittyn, **Gina** and Hector; grandchildren Charlyn, Richard, Carmeli and Roselin request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie at the Jose Rizal Chapel, La Funeraria Paz, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

FRANCISCA W. YANG

who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on March 4, 2005

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our honor of bereavement.

FRANCISCA A. TOLENTINO

Peacefully joined her Creator
last March 6, 2005 at the age of 82.

Her body lies in state at Santa, Ilocos Sur.

Interment will be on March 28, 2005 at Santa Public Cemetery, after the Mass at St. Catherine de Alexandra Parish.

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The family of

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after which she was cremated.

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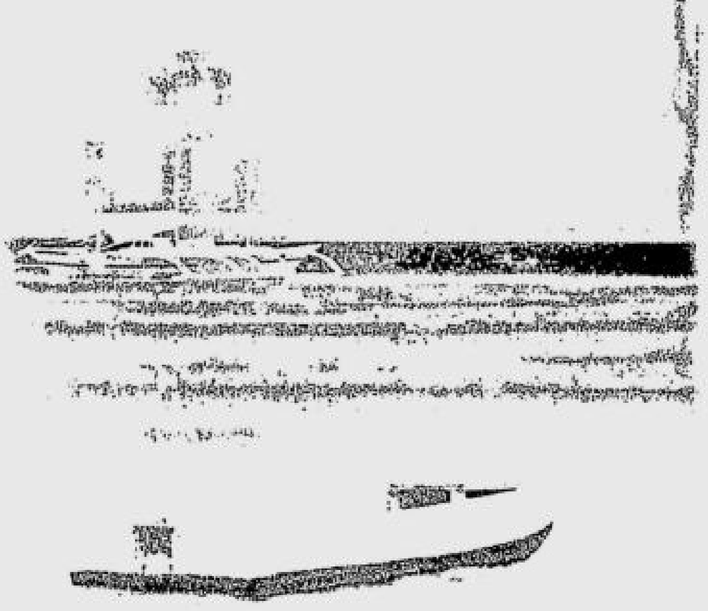

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On fiery alert in this season of fires

March is Fire Prevention Month, so here are some tips to help you make your home safe from fire

By Anne A. Jambora

IN MARCH every year, the government conducts a nationwide campaign for fire safety awareness. And every year fires destroy billions of pesos worth of property and injure scores of people, some even fatally.

So how prepared are we and the authorities to cope with the problem of fire?

Ideally, there should be one fireman for every 2,000 people, says Supt. Bobby Baruelo, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) public information officer. With only 15,033 firemen for a population of 82 million, about one per 5,000, the country falls way below the ideal.

As for fire trucks, there should be 2,952 nationwide, Baruelo says, but the actual number is only 1,553 and not all of them are operational. Seventy-six are currently under repair, and 123 have gone to the junkyard leaving only 1,203 to respond to emergencies.

And let's not get started on the standard firemen equipment—fire coats, helmets, boots, etc. Volunteer firemen have far better fire trucks and equipment, Baruelo says.

Backup needed

And with fire hydrants as rare as rain in March, firemen have to constantly call for backup to replenish their water supply.

A standard fire truck, says Baruelo, carries about 1,000 gallons (4,000 liters) of water. With two or three hoses at a pressure of 100 psi, water is depleted in less than 10 minutes.

But backup might be delayed by traffic. Worse, large fire trucks have difficulty negotiating narrow streets that get even narrower due to crowds of spectators, and items that victims manage to salvage from their burning homes.

"*Preparado naman tayo. Ang mga bombero natin may* four months *na* training *yan*, aside from taking so many tests, plus continuous training and seminars all year round. *Pero kulang talaga ang ating mga* equipment *at* personnel," Baruelo says.

Billions in losses

A report by BFP's Investigation and Intelligence Division estimated that damage last year exceeded P3 billion. Nearly 700 civilians were injured and 270 killed. Of the 10,157 fires, 4,762 affected buildings—more than half of them residences, says Baruelo.

Commercial buildings, he says, are required by law to install smoke or fire alarms. Blueprints are reviewed prior to construction by the bureau, which also conducts annual assessments.

Baruelo says the same procedure should now be made to apply to residential homes, particularly single-detached houses. He admits, however, it will be difficult for many metropolitan dwellers, particularly in slum areas, to comply with such a requirement.

The BFP tries to conduct fire safety drills, bucket brigade training and seminars in squatters areas. But Baruelo says no one shows up.

On rare occasions, when the BFP manages to link up with private organizations, people show up but mainly because freebies are handed out afterward.

According to Baruelo, there's no zoning in the squatters' areas. Houses are too close to one another, and they are mostly made of light flammable materials, such as plywood. *Mainit pag* March, *lahat ng mga gamit ay tuyong-tuyo, madaling kumapit ang apoy. Humangin lang ng konti kalat agad ang apoy,*" Baruelo says.

Keeping safe

But whether or not they take part in any form of training, families should take neces-

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Safety in the kitchen

COOKING is a common cause of fires at home. So be aware of hazards that lurk around the stove.

- Never leave a stove unattended when cooking.
- Prevent grease from building up in the stove or the exhaust hood. Keep combustibles away from the stove.
- Never move a burning pot. The best way to extinguish a fire in a pot or frying pan is to put a lid on it and turn off the heat. This will smother the fire. Always keep pot lids nearby.
- Don't store food above the stove. Reaching over the stove can be dangerous, especially for young children.
- When cooking, always turn pot handles inward to prevent accidents. Little helpers could be badly burned. Keep children away from the stove when you are cooking.
- Don't wear loose-fitting clothing while cooking and never reach over a hot stove. Your clothes could catch fire.
- Prevent serious scalds and burns by keeping electrical cords out of children's reach.

Know what to do if your clothes catch fire. The best way to smother flames is to stop, drop and roll. You must act immediately. Never try to run because the flames will become more intense.

You must stop and immediately drop to the floor, and roll over and over to smother the flames. Though it may be difficult, especially if you have some physical limitations, it is crucial that you manage to lower yourself to the ground as quickly as possible. If you can't lower yourself to the ground, then use a large towel or blanket to smother the flames on your clothes. If someone else's clothing is on fire, get him/her to drop to the floor and smother the flames with a coat, blanket or rug.

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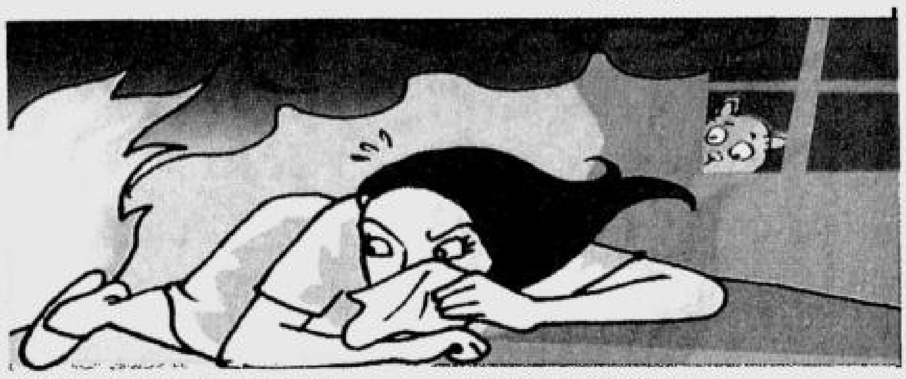
What to do in case of fire



ALWAYS remember that the smoke is usually more dangerous than the flames.

- When trapped, try not to rush out of a room right away. Bureau of Fire Protection Supt. Bobby Baruelo says you must first check if the door is hot before opening it. Use the back of your hand, never your calloused palm. If the door is very hot, a backdraft (an explosive surge in a fire caused by the sudden mixing of oxygen and other combustible gases) may be waiting to surprise you so look for another way out.
- When you open a door never stand where it can directly hit you. Before walking out of a room, test the temperature of the hallway first by sticking your hand out, not your head.
- If it is impossible to leave your room, cover the space between the door and the floor with a damp cloth, if possible, to prevent the smoke from entering, before finding an alternative exit.
- If the room is already filled with smoke, crawl toward an exit. Oxygen thrives 6-8 inches from the floor. Keep low and cover your mouth with a wet towel or handkerchief to avoid inhaling the smoke.

- If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Running makes the fire burn even faster. Drop to the floor or ground and roll until the fire is out.
- Window grills should have one portion that opens. Make sure the keys are always nearby, perhaps on a hook. Make sure every member of the household knows where they are. Keys to the window grill should never be kept with other keys in the house or office.

Home fire prevention tips

- Never smoke in bed. Put out cigarettes completely, and dispose of them properly. Never throw cigarette butts into wastebaskets.
- Oil/gas or other lamps should be placed away from curtain and other objects that easily catch fire. Put them where the wind, children or household pets could not topple them. Put out the flame before going to bed.
- Never store flammable substances in the kitchen. Cover flammable containers tightly.
- Extinguish charcoals and embers, or put them in the middle of the stove after cooking. Inspect the kitchen before retiring at night. Most fires in homes occur in the evening.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Corners and nooks of the house must be free of rubbish or rags.
- Remove leaves in gutters and other parts of the roof, and wood shavings and litter in the attic.
- Flammables, such as gasoline, oil, benzene, naphtha, alcohol, etc. should be kept in a safe place in the house.
- The burning of rubbish should be done in the yard away from the house wall. Every smoldering coal should be extinguished. Be wary of embers.
- Do not leave a burning candle unattended.
- Do not indiscriminately dump flammable objects in the house, such as firewood, waste paper and rags. Boxes should be regularly cleaned.
- Regularly clean and check kerosene and oil stoves for leakages.
- Never use leaking LPG installation.
- Before sleeping, double-check all electric appliances such as iron, stove, television, radio, LPG tanks and candles.

How to use a fire extinguisher

- Pull off the safety pin at the right side of the lever.
- Hold the hose and aim the nozzle at the flame, keeping a safe distance away from it.
- Suppress the upper and lower levers together to make it functional.
- Spray in a sweeping motion to prevent fire from spreading.

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On fiery alert in this season of fires

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sary precautions at all times—even when it is not fire prevention month. They can, for instance, have their own fire drills at home.

Children must be taught at least TWO ways to get out of every room in the house. They must practice escaping through both routes at least FOUR times a year. Consistent practice helps sharpen the instincts in times of utter panic and avert serious consequences.

"*Dapat alam nila kung saan sila dadaan kasi* it could happen at night, when there's zero visibility and everything is smoky. You have to help yourself because the rescue team might take too long in responding. Always let someone know there's someone in the burning house," Baruelo says.

He says if firemen know a house is not empty, rescuing the trapped person becomes the priority. If nobody's home, saving the burning house and preventing the fire from spreading become the priority.

Cases of looting during fire rescue operations, he says, are largely undocumented or unreported. He himself has heard such stories but couldn't identify the offenders.

There's always a commotion during fire. People are coming and going—firemen, volunteers, civilians. You can't really tell if someone is there to loot or to help, he says.

Undocumented

Bribery is undocumented as well, says Baruelo. During a typical operation, firemen, after assessing if a burning house is salvageable, turn their attention to where the fire will likely spread. This will depend mainly on wind direction.

If the wind is traveling from north to south, firemen automatically rush to the house located south. The owner of the house to the north may wonder why his place was "overlooked." That, says Baruelo, may lead to suspicions of bribery.

Baruelo also reminds everyone that common causes of fire include smoking in bed, especially when drunk; leaving cooking stoves or plugged electric irons unattended, making bonfires on a windy day, too many electrical appliances plugged to one outlet, leaking LPG tanks or faulty LPG connections, and children playing with matches or lighters.

Baruelo says fire extinguishers should be a must, but people should make sure they aren't expired. Used or unused, a fire extinguisher must be replaced every year. Baruelo adds they should only be purchased from dealers with ISO certification.

Homeowners who want the BFP to assist them in conducting fire drills or to assess the vulnerability of their homes, among others—must contact the nearest local fire station. Baruelo says this service is free of charge.

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First Formators' Summer Institute opens May 2

THE FIRST Formators' Summer Institute at Transfiguration will be held May 2-8 at the Monastery of the Transfiguration in San Jose, Malaybalay, Bukidnon.

Models of Formation is a one-week program aimed at supporting the needs and concerns of religious formation houses and seminaries.

The program is open to men and women involved in formation, such as those beginning to explore the ministry, and those experienced/seasoned formators who wish to further their knowledge and skills.

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Registration fee is P6,000 for live-in participants. It will include all meals and accommodation (double occupancy) from 9 a.m.,

May 2, until after the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass on May 8; seminar kit and certificate. Participants who will live outside will be charged P3,000. The fee includes lunch and snacks for the whole week, seminar kit and certificate.

Those arriving before May 2 should notify the project coordinator. A reservation fee of P1,000, refundable in full if cancellation is made two weeks before the seminar-workshop, is required not later than April 10.

Check payments should be made payable to Monastery of the Transfiguration. Write to Dom Martin Gomez, OSB, project coordinator, Models of Formation Seminar, Monastery of the Transfiguration, San Jose, Malaybalay, Bukidnon. Call 088-2212373 or text 0917-5105585.

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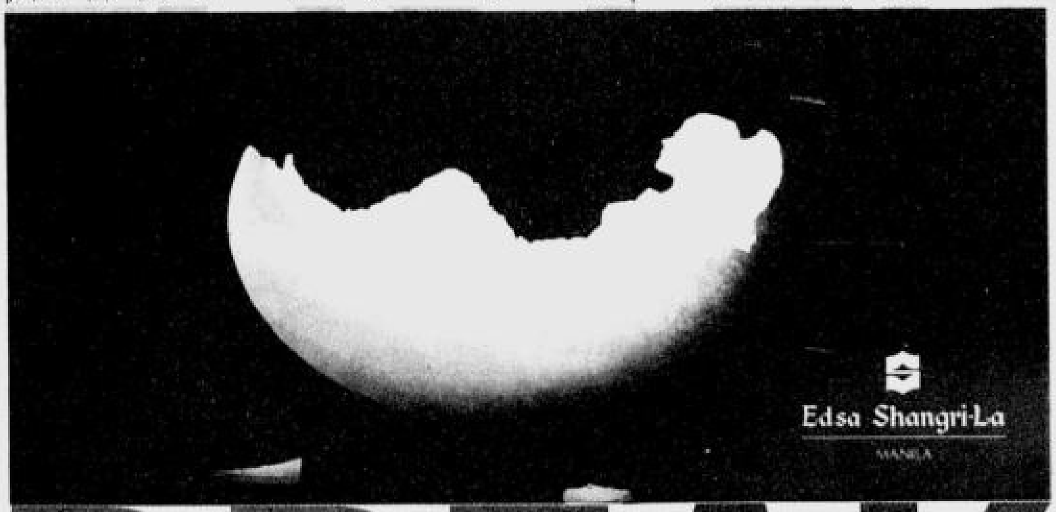

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SWIMMING is the favorite activity in the special children's camp.

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SOME of Camp Pag-ibig organizers: Jorge Banal, national president, Phil. Jaycees Senate; JV Medina, president, Jaycees; Dr. Erlinda Lolarga, president, Phil. Association for the Retarded; Teresa Mariano, head, Social Services Department, Quezon City; Councilor Bolet Banal; Antonio Aquino, president, Manila Water Company; Orlando Honrade, administrator, MWSS

A different kind of kids' camp

By Constantino C. Tejero

SPECIAL children had had an early valentine this year. The day camp for the handicapped called Camp Pag-ibig was held on Feb. 12-13.

This annual camping for children with disabilities is a project started by the Philippine Association for the Retarded in 1976, with the support of the Department of Education, the Jaycees and the local governments.

"The essence of camping is socialization and support," says Teresita Inciong, overall camp coordinator and director of DepEd's Bureau of Elementary Education. "It's meant for them to meet other children of their kind, and for us to give support to the parents."

It is the highlight of the National Retarded Children's Week (Presidential Proclamation 1385), celebrated on Feb. 14-20. Now on its 29th year, it is held on the Sunday within that week, but this year it fell two days earlier.

Originally called Camp Hope, the present name was inspired by the philosophy of the Asian Federation for the Mentally Retarded: "Love can do wonders."

Though the event is still called Mental Retardation Week, camp organizers are now accommodating everyone with disabilities and handicaps, mental, emotional or physical.

"The camp is a venue where these children can do something that cannot be done in the classroom," continues Inciong. "In Japan and Korea, they are employed after college. During my visits there I saw them working in printing presses, in hollow-block and brick factories, in the assembly line manufacturing hangers. In urban centers like Metro Manila, Cebu, Davao, they learn baking, food preservation, sewing, upholstery-making. But what about in other areas of the country?"

Social stigma

The regions now have their respective camps. In the National Capital Region, the camping was again held at the Balara Filter Plant Park in Quezon City. (The first camp site was at YMCA Manila, then transferred to Parks & Wildlife in Quezon City the following year, until it settled in Balara in 1996.)

This year, there were 1,680 special campers, about 170 of them adults, with the youngest at five and the oldest in his 40s. Some 50 schools for special education participated. Over 3,000 people, including volunteers, organizers, teachers and parents, camped out on a grassy lot under the trees near a swimming pool.

The Capitol Jaycees had been tasked to seek sponsors and for food distribution in the camp. They took charge of *merienda* and gave away tokens of school supplies.

Quezon City Mayor Sonny Belmonte donated P200,000 as fund for operations. The Manila Water Company and Metropolitan Sewerage System offered part of the Balara picnic grounds for the campers. DepEd rented the big parachute-type tents.

An overnight camping on Feb. 12 was reserved only for adult and adolescent campers. They spent the night stargazing, roasting wieners, making music and dancing.

Inciong says an activity such as this is especially auspicious since society is now opening to these people. Unlike in the past when the stigma was so strong that their families would hide them inside the house, and it was almost like a taboo for them to be seen in public.

"Ikinahihiya sila," says Inciong. "They would call it Down's syndrome, but that's the technical term. Parents hate the term *mentally retarded*. They just want to call them `special children.' But it's only lip service. Nowhere in the books can you find *mentally challenged*. The Unesco uses *mental retardation*, so that's what we also use."

Skills and games

If you can't be proud of them, at least don't be ashamed of them—is the core of Inciong's remark. Do away with euphemism or unnecessary political correctness, and face the fact head on—is an attitude that's crucial to this openness, both in the family and society.

The whole day of Feb. 13, the campers looked free and open, as they moved around the camp site, but especially in the swimming area. Many wore T-shirts that proclaimed: "I am a special camper."

With this year's theme being "Moving towards independent and productive living," they were taught learning activities ranging from arts and crafts (using twigs, leaves, paper plates, craypas, crayons, Play-Do) to cooking, tree-planting, nature exploration (learning nature lore, collecting stones and leaves along the way), first-aids and survival-skills training (camp signals, swimming).

Swimming was the most popular activity in the camp. Everyone seemed to revel in it even more than they enjoyed music and dancing and games of bingo, puzzles, sack race, relay.

Since her involvement in Camp Pag-ibig in 1976, Inciong can't recall any untoward incident such as drowning in the pool or scalding during a cooking demonstration.

"We're very careful about that," she says. "Our ratio is one volunteer for five children."

She remembers, though, an incident in the '80s involving a group of 15 youth offenders from the Manila Youth Reception Center. (Emotionally disturbed or mentally unstable persons are considered handicapped or disabled.)

During the swimming session at the camp, while shirtless and unidentifiable without their uniform, the group slipped away. They were later found wandering in Luneta and duly rounded up.

Parents' forum

A camp works as a community. The campers brought their own food, but those who came from orphanages were given packed meals of chicken-pork *adobo*, *longaniza*, fried eggs.

There were also food donors such as Jollibee last year, and Gardenia, Chowking and Shakey's this year. The Public Vendors Association of Quezon City donated 2,000 boiled eggs and boiled *saba* banana.

Inciong notes, however, that donations didn't pour as much as they did last year. She says there seemed to be donor fatigue, which is understandable given the successive crises and catastrophes the country has been going through in the last few months.

(Those who wish to send donations may contact Benjie Soliven, project chair for operations, through tel. no. 4114080 at the Capitol Jaycees Clubhouse.)

From 9:30 a.m. till 2 p.m., a parents' forum was conducted in nearby Orosa Hall, with the topic "Visioning for Your Children." This is an essential part of Camp Pag-ibig: the giving of moral support to parents of special children; and the discussion on what to expect from these children, particularly the transition program from the home to the world of work.

It is something that's often neglected—the fact that the special person cannot be separated from his or her family, and the family needs as much support.

In the afternoon, after some singing, messages and awarding of prizes and certificates, the campers prayed as a community.

It was such a transcendent moment that many, like Kuya Eddie (the 40-something student from St. Catherine Special Learning Center of Antipolo who has been attending this camp for years), had decided to return next year even before they could break camp.

LOCAL runways will never be the same when Fresh Off the Rack, a promo activity of Shopwise, takes off on March 19 with a fashion show featuring models sashaying on the ramp in trendy clothes and accessories made of food items.

Food and fashion discount packages

SHOPWISE presents the one-of-a-kind Fresh off the Rack, a festival combining two seemingly different worlds: gastronomy and fashion.

To be held March 16-April 19, the festival offers discounts of up to 40 percent on selected fashion items and bundling promotions with the fresh food department. For each week during the promo period, a section from Shopwise's fashion department will team up with a section from the fresh-food department in offering bargain packages.

Weekend organic markets will also be set up at all Shopwise branches on all weekends during the promo period, except on the last week.

Shopwise is on the ground floor of the Festival Supermall in Alabang; corner of Pasong Tamo and Vito Cruz Streets in Makati; on E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave., Bagumbayan, Libis, QC; and corner of General Aguinaldo and MacArthur Avenues, Araneta Center, Cubao, QC.

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Summer is for beaches, bikinis and boas!

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

SUMMER has definitely kicked in with its longer days and cooler nights.

Seeing the gigantic billboards of Bench virtually exploding with image models clad in summer-colored underwear or the skimpiest and lightest fabrics, I find it impossible not to start daydreaming about a sizzling vacation.

Of course, we are still in the middle of Lent with Holy Week just around the corner, so perhaps Bench billboards are not exactly what good Catholics should focus on right now.

Entering into my seventh month of pregnancy, I realize that none of those sexy outfits will even fit one of my thighs! And with the warmer weather, I have had to put my boa feathers in hibernation.

With fewer accessories at hand, my search is on to creatively camouflage my ever-expanding rear end.

Though I am not a candidate for any of the latest steamy swimwear collections, I have to don swimsuits for my daily swim, which helps keep my blood sugar at normal levels. Unfortunately, there are so few stores catering to pregnant women! I've had such a difficult time searching for suits with elastic garters, as parts of me expand outward.

On the good side, my breasts now equal those of my "cousin" **Francine Prieto**, as seen on the cover of the March issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. On the downside, not much else looks Francine-like!

Customized swimwear

More on the magazine front, after checking out the latest Metro (with my husband **Dennis**' exclusive feature on his chopper crash), I discovered **Ketty Estrella**, a customized, fashion swimwear designer, who is now creating sexy tankinis for me, using more fabric than usual of course.

Her swim line is called Waicoco and is available on the weekends of March in a flat in Salcedo Village, sold together with the suits of style journalist **Celine Lopez.**

Our Pepsi girl has revealed another facet, designing swimsuits that look great, especially if you're wispy and young. These designers are so creative and energetic, I wonder if men their age are just as versatile.

The summer colors—lime green and fuchsia—were all over the Freeway farewell party for **G Töngi**, now Ms **Tim Walters**, at Segafredo Café.

More than two years ago, Freeway got the confident and vibrant Ms G to be its image model. Well, the pretty girl is now a married woman!

After tying the knot in a beautiful sunset wedding in Boracay, the couple are off to Los Angeles, California, to start their "happily ever after" life together.

I have known G for many years, before she even started doing movies. Dennis got her as the image model for the artificial sweetener NutraSweet in the '90s. Back then, she seemed so young, full of character and bubbly. Today, she looks just as radiant and overflowing with zest.

At the Segafredo party, I was able to chat with her good friend **Donita Rose**. I told her that my son, **Bryan**, uses her as his pretty-meter when rating the girls he has his eyes on.

Years ago, they met in Singapore after one of the Famous cruises of **Keren Pascual**, but there was no camera to immortalize the moment. Though it's hard to imagine her now as an MTV VJ, new mommy Donita is blooming and is taking motherhood seriously. She just recently stopped breastfeeding her 8-month-old baby **JP** Now that is an accomplishment in itself, which I hope to achieve with my upcoming bundle of joy.

Lively art scene

From the bright colors of the fashion world, the art scene has also picked up some of that lively feeling, as seen in the works of **Doltz Pilar.**

His modern art pieces on canvas are exhibited at The Edge, One McKinley Place in the Fort, until today only. A multimedia artist who also does wonderful floral arrangements, Doltz's splashes of color are presented in vertical strips of canvas in diptychs or triptychs.

More than just an art exhibit, Doltz's event was for the benefit of Sentro Kalinga Mother and Child Center, which gives free health programs and temporary shelter for abandoned and physically abused children in Taguig City.

A touching video of the center's mothers and children was shown before two of the paintings were auctioned, to "melt the hearts and open the checkbooks of the guests," as **Kaye Tinga**, first lady of Taguig City and the head of the center, so aptly put in her speech. Her husband, Mayor **Freddie Tinga**, was around to make doubly sure that the auction went well.

Sentro Kalinga also aids expectant mothers with prenatal and postnatal care, so I was perfect as one of the guests of honor. As host of the evening's affair, I tried my auctioneering skills with the very timid audience, though I was able to raise the opening bid by a small margin.

Bettering lives

It's heartwarming to see different kinds of charitable programs happening all over the metropolis, all helping to better the lives of the underprivileged.

ASSUMPTION College Batch '79 with Sister Gertrude

ASSUMPTION leaders Sister Luz, Marixi Prieto, Judy Roxas and Sister Josefina

With fewer accessories at hand, my search is on to creatively camouflage my ever-expanding rear end

Last week, at the "Forever Blue" Homecoming of the Assumption Silver Jubilarian Class of 1979, three outstanding alumnae were honored: **Milagros Poblete, Remedios Poblete** and **Marixi Prieto**, my mother.

In her remarks, Mom quoted Assumption's founder, **Mere Marie Eugenie**, who encouraged all of us to be "leaven in our milieu" or to rise to the occasion when needed.

I cried when she talked about how our family got into the INQUIRER when she had to "rise up" and finish the work started by my brother **Louie** when he died in a motorcycle accident. As I read through the many civic and social organizations she is involved in, I realized that although I also participate in some charities, I really need to speed up to come close to my mother's record.

New lifestyle rag

In closing, I'd like to mention the launch of the newest annual lifestyle magazine, Society. as captured by Philippine Tatler. This is the first time the Philippines will be taking part in the publication's 25-year history.

Society magazine will be unveiled tomorrow in an intimate, chic cocktail gathering at the lobby of the Makati Shangri-La. My "Look Who's Talking" co-host, editor **Anton San Diego**, is so excited with the premiere issue, which features Asia's most stylish women gathered in one monumental shoot.

Maybe I can wake up a few of my boa feathers for the launch before returning them to hibernation. After all, summer is time for all the Bs—beaches, bikinis and boas!

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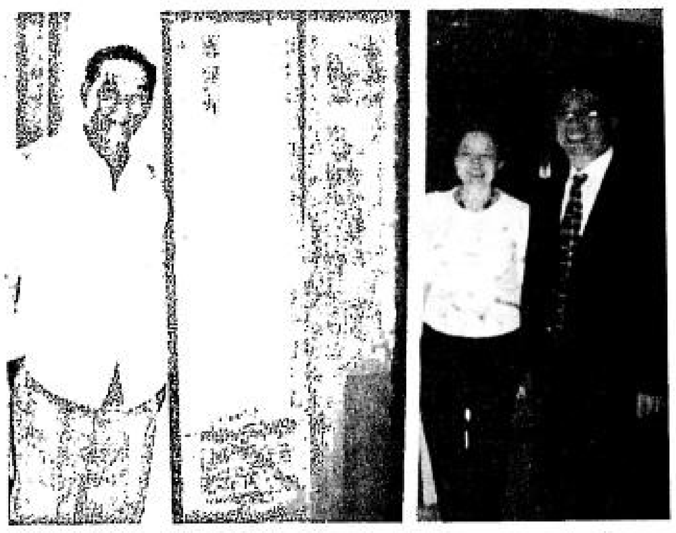

FEATURED artist Doltz Pilar with bid winners Chinit and Charlie Rufino

NEW MOMMY Donita Rose and baby JP, with G

NEWLYWEDS. G Töngi and hubby Tim Walters

CLOSE BUDDIES. JM Rodriguez and Jackie Castillejo

SWIMWEAR designer and journalist Celine Lopez

LOVELY guests Martha Uy and Karen Igual

GENEROUS beauties Marissa Concepcion, Kaye Tinga and Nini Licaros

JUSTICE Dante Tinga with pretty ladies Jojo Ongsiako, Marissa Concepcion and Liza Trinidad

CUTIE del Mar

RAJO Laurel

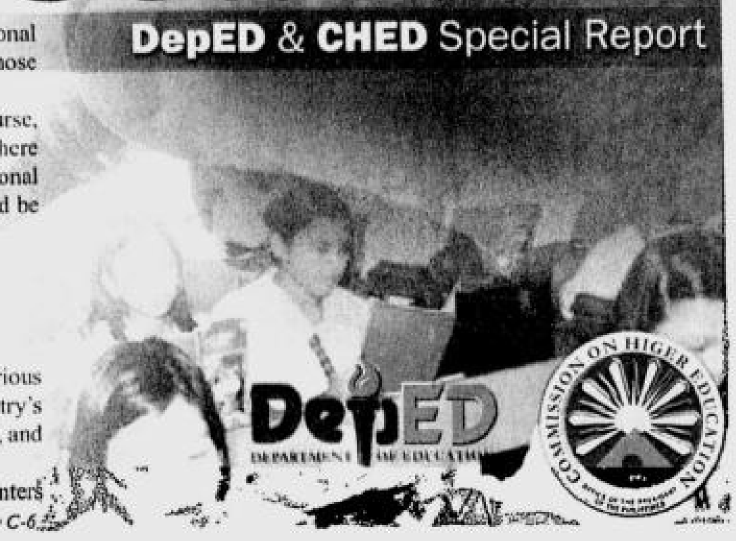
NORRIS Lopez and G's mom, Aurora Töngi

TAGUIG Mayor Freddie Tinga with cute kids Kylie, Kerry and Kody

ART PATRONS Franco Hubilla, Frankie Endriga and Nonnette and Johnny Hubilla

SEARCHING FOR THE FINEST SCHOOLS

DepED & CHED Special Report



If people tell you that the finest schools today are the more expensive ones, think again.

According to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the idea that expensive schools are also the best schools may no longer be true. In fact, it has identified 275 so-called Centers of Excellence (COE) and Centers of Development (COD) in more than 30 colleges and universities all over the country.

Being a Center of Excellence means the college or university is a leader in specific disciplines or courses insofar as meeting standards of academic excellence is concerned. Sometimes, more than one institution of learning can be Centers for a particular discipline.

Of course, the University of the Philippines is a class of its own, having the lowest tuition fees in the country but accepting only those who have good grades in high school and who pass its entrance examinations.

With the unique classification system of the CHED for COEs and CODs, the identification of top quality schools is democratized, enabling underprivileged students to finish their dream degrees within their means. Such fine schools consisting of higher educational institutions (HEIs) offer degree courses that are as good as those being offered by expensive schools and universities today.

It would thus help that, before enrolling in your favored course, know where the COEs or CODs that offer such course are. There might be such centers in the neighborhood or in the nearby regional capital where you stay. If you reside in the provinces, this could be much cheaper than insisting in trying it over in Manila.

Centers of Excellence: Example of Agricultural Sciences

According to the CHED, the 275 COEs and CODs in various disciplines are spread across the country. Metro Manila, the country's capital, has the most at 94, followed by Central Visayas with 21, and Northern Mindanao with 18.

The Cagayan Valley and Southern Tagalog have 17 such centers

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CHEd grants permit to 15 STI colleges for BS Nursing course

The Commission on Higher Education (CHEd) recently gave STI, the Philippines' largest network of colleges, the thumbs up sign to offer nursing courses in 15 of its campuses; this, while at the same time giving 5 of its other nursing schools provisional permits.

STI's top executives hailed this development as a fitting testament to the educational institution's transformation as a full-fledged college offering a broad spectrum of courses.

As of November 8, 2004, the following nursing colleges of STI were given regular permits: Makati (*Permit No. C-160 S-2004*), Recto (*Permit No. C-159 S-2004*), Fairview (*Permit No. C-161 S-2004*), Las Piñas (*Permit No. C-078 S-2004*), Meycauayan (*Permit No. HET 079 S-2004*), Sta. Maria (*Permit No. HET-082 S-2004*), Baguio (*Permit No. 045 S-2004*), Calamba (*Permit No. 184 S-2004*), Sta. Cruz (*Permit No. 174 S-2004*), San Pablo (*Permit No. 183 S-2004*), Lucena (*Permit No. 175 S-2004*), Rosario (*Permit No. 170 S-2004*), Southwoods (*Permit No. 199 S-2004*), Cagayan de Oro (*Permit No. 049 S-2004*), and Davao (*Permit No. 050 S-2004*).

Five other STI schools, meanwhile, were given provisional permits. They are: Cebu (*Temporary Permit No. 073 S-2004*), Cubao (*Provisional Permit No. 008 S-2004*), Global City (*Provisional Permit No. 009 S-2004*), Muñoz-EDSA (*Provisional Permit No. 019 S-2004*) and Quezon Avenue (*Provisional Permit No. 017 S-2004*).

In response to a recent directive from CHEd calling on schools to improve the quality of nursing education in the Philippines, STI began a major retooling program for its students to help ensure the quality of its graduates.

One of these is the creation of a unique, IT-based curriculum that would incorporate the latest trends in technology with the skills needed to become an effective healthcare practitioner.

STI has also put up state-of-the-art nursing skills laboratories in all campuses offering nursing that were designed to simulate the actual hospital setting. Combined with STI's unique education and job placement system (through the E2E system), its students will soon be equipped with ICT-enhanced nursing programs that will enable them to acquire up-to-date skills as required by various healthcare institutions worldwide.

Finally, with STI's global outlook and strong ICT skills content, its nursing graduates are also expected to fare well not only in the local arena, but more so abroad. After all, STI commits itself to the effective, responsive and professional education of its students.

Although it may be argued that STI is still regarded primarily as an IT school, it can be noted that the education institution has already been offering nursing courses for more than 30 years now through its partner, Delos Santos-STI College of Health Professionals, Inc.

"After all, ICT has already become a vital cog of the medical field that you can't have one without the other. For instance, you will no longer see nurses in the U.S. jotting down patient information using metal patient charts. What they use now are handheld PCs to make documentation faster and more efficient," shares Mr. Monico Jacob, President and CEO of the STI Education Services Group.

According to Mr. Jacob, STI spent over P100 million in putting up its nursing facilities and hiring of faculty members in all of STI's nursing colleges nationwide. "We have been fully cooperating with the Commission (CHEd) and we strongly support their efforts to improve the quality of nursing education in the country."

STI

After 21 years...

continues to Make It Happen for the Global Pinoy

For 21 years now, STI, the Philippines' largest network of colleges, has been at the forefront of providing only the best quality education for the Filipino youth. One of the pioneers in ICT education, the institution has grown into a network of more than 100 schools nationwide and has begun spreading towards neighboring Asian countries like Vietnam and Indonesia.

Founded in 1983, in the midst of a computer revolution, STI began to offer short courses in IT in answer to the needs of the times. Back then, a number of companies in the country needed an IT-literate workforce, fast! The list eventually grew to cover not only basic computer know-how but also specialized talents in desktop publishing, accounting and finance, plus other IT skills.

The rest, as they say, is history. Today, STI continues to blaze the trail by banking on its core strength, which is ICT, to provide consistent education for students enrolled in all its campuses. So whether you are in Mindanao or in NCR, you get the same standard quality of education as your other counterparts in STI.

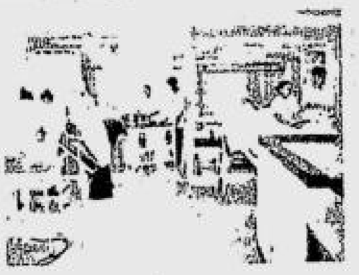
Bridging the gap in healthcare and technology

STI Computer Laboratory

With the continuing demand for world-class, ICT-enabled healthcare workers, today's ultra modern medical environment requires a deeper understanding of the latest technological tools now being used in the profession. In fact, Filipino nurses today should be able to fully harness the power of technology in order to succeed.

Realizing this, STI began offering ICT-enhanced nursing in selected campuses nationwide since the start of school year 2004-2005. As of last count, there are now more than 4,000 nursing students enrolled in STI, including those enrolled in STI campuses in Makati, Recto, Fairview, Cubao, Global City, Las Piñas, Muñoz-EDSA, Quezon Avenue, Meycauayan, Calamba, Lucena, Rosario, San Pablo, Southwoods, Sta. Cruz, Sta. Maria, Baguio, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro and Davao as well as those enrolled at the Delos Santos-STI College of Health Professions.

Unknown to many, STI was already offering the course through its partner, Delos Santos-STI College of Health Professionals, Inc. for over 30 years now. Now with the most number of nursing schools, STI is confident that its strong background in Information Technology backed by modern facilities and a team of qualified faculty members will enable it to solve the widening gap between nursing jobs and the availability of qualified professionals for the job.



STI's state-of-the-art nursing skills laboratory

For instance, the education institution has put up state-of-the-art nursing skills laboratories in all of its STI Colleges offering courses in BS Nursing. These laboratories have been designed to simulate the actual hospital setting to facilitate learning and to help prepare students for their internship. Its ICT-based curriculum, meanwhile, allows STI to stake its claim at developing the best healthcare practitioners and ICT-enabled nurses.

In addition to developing such talents, STI has also come up with a unique human resource development approach called E2E (Enrolment to Employment) system. A unique system that's meant to give STI students applicable education, job market skills, job preparedness and job placement assistance, it provides as the name suggests a complete set of services to its students from the time they enroll in college to the time they look for a job.

To ensure that this promise is adequately met, STI first entered into an agreement with international consulting firm Universal Workers Inc., a training and review company that provides healthcare professionals with advanced skills in nursing, to make them more competitive in the global market.

After laying the groundwork, STI then entered into an agreement with Global Resource for Outsourced Workers (GROW) to enable it to send its qualified nursing graduates for jobs abroad. This early, the institution has already been sowing the fruits of its labor.

Thanks to its partnership with GROW, STI nursing graduates will soon be given an opportunity to work in some of the major hospitals and healthcare institutions abroad that are affiliated with GROW. As of last count, GROW is eyeing to supply at least 1,000 nurses each year as part of its E2E recruitment efforts.

Thanks to these efforts, Filipino students now have a chance to enroll in their dream career (nursing), get ICT-enhanced education and job placement assistance, all at the same time. Indeed, STI has been bridging the gap in healthcare and technology as it continues to usher in a new era in nursing!

IT-enhanced course offerings

Today, STI is proud to offer a vast repertoire of course offerings, all of which incorporates IT as part of the learning module. In addition to Nursing, STI also offers ICT degree courses in Computer Science, Information Technology and Information Management plus a number of associate and diploma courses in Information Technology, Computer Studies and Electronic Commerce Programming.

For those eyeing business careers, there are also degree courses in Business Administration Major in Management, Office Administration with Specialization in Business Relations, Office Management and Office Administration. Two-year courses in Computer-based Bookkeeping, Office Skills & Managements as well as Associate in Office Management are also available.

Degree courses in Computer Engineering and Electronics and Communications Engineering are also being offered in addition to a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, major in a number of specializations like Math, English, Social Science and Computer Education. While broadening its reach further to enable it to serve more students, the educational institution's ICT-enhanced courses may also be seen as STI's way of helping develop the Filipino youth, for them to become productive and valuable members of society.

With a proven track record of over 21 years in ICT-centered education, STI also developed a standardized courseware that's attuned to the needs of the times. This ensures the high quality of education that students get whatever course he is taking in any of the more than 100 STI campuses nationwide.

Preparing high school graduates for college

Career factor

High school students in action at the Career Factor

Let's face it. If results of last year's High School Readiness Test (HSRT) conducted among majority of Filipino high school students will be used as gauge, our graduates today may not have the necessary skills to succeed in college.

To help improve the chances of high school graduates in coping and performing well for their tertiary education, STI invites all high school students nationwide to join "Career Factor", which is a FREE college preparatory training program.

This program, by the way, is free regardless of school or course that the participants choose after graduation. It is part of the many efforts of STI in line with its commitment to help make the Filipino youth become valuable and productive members of society.

Career Factor is designed to be a learning adventure full of fun challenges, self-discovery, total participation and interactive games for graduating high school students. Based on their respective skills and competencies, the program is envisioned to help the students decide on which particular course to take in college.

Among the featured activities in Career Factor are role-playing, observation, mental imagery, writing tasks, projects and simulations. The program is now ongoing in STI campuses nationwide. For more information, simply log on to www.sti.edu.ph or visit the school nearest you.

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each, followed by Western Visayas and the Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR) with 16 each. The remaining regions have 15 or less COEs and CODs.

Thus, if you're thinking of getting the best education in the agricultural sciences, you can look beyond UP Los Baños, the country's leading agricultural learning center for over a decade. If you are from Northern Luzon, there is the Benguet State University in La Trinidad, Benguet, just five kilometers to the north of Baguio City. You can also try out the Mariano Marcos State University in the Ilocos region.

In Central Luzon, the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) in the Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija is the premier agricultural learning school in that locale. There is also the Cavite State University for the Southern Tagalog Region.

In the Visayas region, there is the Visayas State University in Samar-Leyte. In Mindanao, there is the Central Mindanao University in Cagayan de Oro or the University of Southern Mindanao in Cotabato.

If forestry is your cup of tea, don't be surprised if you are advised to enroll at the Cabagan State College, an obscure (to most of us) school in the Isabela province which straddles the heavily forested areas of the Sierra Madre Mountain range in Luzon, looking towards the Pacific Ocean. There can be no better school that specializes in forestry than the one located within the forest itself.

Centers of Excellence:
What are they?

COEs and CODs are colleges or universities - both public and private, determined by the CHED to have the highest degree or level of standards in instruction, research and extension. They are the leaders in specific areas of discipline in the various regions and are expected to provide networking systems to help ensure faster development of other schools in their areas.

To ensure that these Centers continue to serve their leadership roles in fostering academic excellence, they are given funding assistance. Funds released to them are used for student scholarships, faculty development, library and laboratory upgrading, research and extension services, instructional materials development, and networking of existing COEs and CODs.

There are various programs meant to help maintain the standards of excellence in the Centers. One is the Teacher Education Development Program (TEDP) intended to raise the standards of learning among the students by addressing all issues affecting teacher performance.

Thus, teachers in the identified Centers are encouraged in self-development initiatives. They are, among others, pushed to take up masters or doctorate degrees in the disciplines of their choice at subsidized rates.

Of the 275 COEs and CODs in various disciplines across the country, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) has the most number of Centers with 24; followed by Teacher Education with 21 Centers; Civil Engineering with 19; and Electrical Engineering, 16.

Biology, Mechanical Engineering and Business have 14 Centers each. The remaining 37 disciplines have 11 or less Centers.

Centers of Excellence:
Where Are They?

If you are staying in Metro Manila, you may want to check with the CHED the Centers of Excellence and the courses or disciplines where they are the leaders. Outside Metro Manila, certain regional capitals are emerging as educational hubs in their areas.

In Northern Luzon, for example, Baguio City has served as the region's center of education for quite a long time now. In fact, it has 17 Centers of Excellence, more than any other single locality outside Manila. This speaks well of its leadership status in academic excellence in the region.

There are at least five of around seven colleges and universities in Baguio City that serve as COEs in disciplines ranging from the natural sciences (biology, mathematics, physics), the engineering sciences, to information and communication technology education.

In Central Luzon, the acknowledged center of education is the internationally-renowned CLSU in Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, the site of several scientific breakthroughs in agriculture. The Philippine Rice Institute is located in this locality, providing a research counterpoint with the foreign-funded International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in UP Los Baños.

The proximity of Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog to Metro Manila has contributed to the inability of colleges and universities in these regions to develop their own educational niche.

In the Visayas, the distribution of Centers of Excellence has been focused in the cities of Cebu, Iloilo, and Dumaguete. There are two UP chapters in this area, the UP Center for Marine and Aquatic Sciences in Miag-ao, Iloilo and the UP College-Tacloban in Leyte.

In Mindanao, Centers of Excellence are also distributed throughout in the cities of Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga and Davao (where the UP in Mindanao is also located). The disciplines where these schools have acquired COE and COD status include agriculture, the engineering sciences, information technology education, teacher training and nursing.

Thus, it would help to check with the CHED or the Department of Education (in areas where the CHED has no regional office) if a Center of Excellence is near your place. This would ensure that you are investing well in your education by investing in the school that is recognized as a leader in its field.

Globalization: Changing The Face of Education

Globalization is changing not just the way countries all over the world conduct their economic and political lives. It is also changing the face of education.

A still unpublished study from the University of the Philippines, citing observations from the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), says that globalization is transforming education in at least two ways.

First is that because of international labor trends, newer and more schools are offering courses meant to respond to worldwide job demands. This explains the mushrooming of schools nationwide offering nursing and the health care professions.

Before this, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of schools offering maritime (seaman) sciences as well as those in information and communications technology (ICT).

Today, the Philippines is a major supplier of professional nurses and health caregivers to hospitals and similar institutions in the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe - particularly England and Italy.

The surge in the number of nursing schools has alarmed the CHED because of the threat of sub-standard facilities and offerings.

At the other extreme is the creation of high-standard medical schools such as the St. Luke's College of Medicine and the expansion of medical sciences at the University of the Philippines in Manila. Filipino doctors continue to be in demand here and abroad.

Similarly, the Philippines is the top supplier of professional seamen – both for cargo shipping firms and luxury passenger lines. The country is the number one source of seamen in Europe, particularly for Norway and other shipping transport leaders.

And due to the early establishment of schools in ICT, the Philippines is helping build up a pool of computer science professionals which is now responsible for sustaining the ICT literacy of Filipinos as well as providing jobs for thousands of young men and women here and anywhere in the world.

Examples of ICT schools which have been making inroads locally as well as internationally include the STI College; First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities; Informatics; Asian College of Science and Technology (ACSAT) and the AMA group of schools. Other similar institutions have come in, mainly as results of tie-ups between established schools abroad and local companies supportive of ICT and knowledge-related sciences.

The second way globalization is changing the face of local education is through the establishment of foreign, or international schools in the local scene, either through franchising or joint venture.

In this case, we are not talking about the International School in Makati or the Brent School in Baguio City, the DepEd Complex or in Laguna. While these schools cater mainly to the children of expatriate professionals, rich Filipino families and members of the diplomatic community, these have been operating mainly for exclusive social classes.

Globalization has changed all that.

Today, education based on international standards and using newer and up-to-date teaching methodologies are now available to a larger base of Filipinos. Thus, we are witnessing the blossoming of institutions such as the British School, the European International School, and the University of Asia and the Pacific, among others.

Specific-language schools have also cropped up, catering to selected nationalities or Filipinos wishing to acquire knowledge of an additional language. There is the Nihongo Institute as well as some schools catering to Korean citizens and immigrants.

Short-term courses in Mandarin, Nihongo, German, French and other languages are also being offered for tourism-oriented professionals as well as for those intending to work abroad.

The study concludes that the globalization of education in the Philippines will continue more so with the advances in communications technology such as the internet. But whether it will be for the good of Filipinos remains to be seen than said, but it recommends that the country's authorities should take steps to ensure that standards are observed and upheld.

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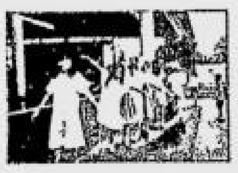

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The British Council presented to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) recently the outputs and recommendations of the Advisory Technical Assistance (ADTA) on CHED Organizational Development under the $500,000.00 grant from the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The project was designed to enhance CHED's capacity to implement reforms to improve quality and excellence, access and equity, relevance and responsiveness and efficiency and effectiveness in higher education.

The ADTA was further intended to strengthen CHED's role in policy development and planning, resource allocation and quality assurance in the Higher Education System.

According to the report, the strategies that were successfully implemented were: restructuring CHED to improve its operating effectiveness and efficiency, improving operating systems, developing more effective strategies to deal with stakeholders, targeting human resource development (HRD) including a 5-year HRD training program and a program to reform and upgrade the HRD unit of CHED.

These strategies were made to enhance the ability of CHED to implement reforms in the higher education system such as regulating the growth of tertiary education providers in order to address the issues of over-supply and the need to improve academic quality.

The one-year project, which was managed by the British Council, included among others human resources development, normative finance, quality assurance, study tours and training programs for the CHED.

The Advisory Technical Assistance on CHED Organizational Development, which started January last year and was concluded in December, resulted in the development of performance indicators, and monitoring and evaluating system for the CHED central and regional offices. In addition, a new manual of procedures was developed to decentralize authority to lower levels in the system.

Another output of the project was the systematic funding model designed to promote quality and efficiency in SUCs. Additionally, a quality assurance system was designed to allow CHED to successfully monitor and evaluate public institutions and likewise to strengthen the role of the private sector accreditation agencies in program reform at Higher Education Institutions.

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What makes E.I.S. Manila even more unique is a Filipino student whose native tongue is neither French nor German, taking up the tri-lingual programme. Andre Confiado who is part of the IB Graduating Class of 2005 is an exceptionally talented 17-year-old. His father, Sulpicio Confiado, is a career diplomat whose postings abroad from 1997 to 2003 has given Andre the opportunity to study at Ecole Française de New Delhi and the Französisches Gymnasium (French Grammar School) in Berlin.

In August 2003, the family came back to the Philippines where Andre and his parents decided that he enroll in the IB Diploma Programme of the European International School as the opportunities that would be open to him after graduation would be International Relations and has already set his eyes on universities in Europe, particularly in Germany, with plans of taking graduate studies in the US.

Andre is a well-rounded outgoing young lad whose friends come from the four corners of the globe. At E.I.S. Manila, his classmates hail from Germany, France, Portugal, Switzerland and the Philippines. His exposure to people with different backgrounds and different cultures makes him more tolerant and more appreciative of other people's characteristics, opinions, cultural backgrounds and languages. It is true that contact with other people's history, culture and tradition at a very young age greatly helps develop a person's maturity. Moreover, taking the IB Diploma Programme has helped Andre develop intellectually because the subjects are very challenging as the programme involves a lot of reading and writing coursework, which will eventually prepare him for the arduous research tasks involved in university studies wherever he may wish to pursue them. For families interested in finding out more about the IB Diploma Programme at the European International School Manila, they may directly contact Mr. Philippe Durant, IB Coordinator (tel: 7761000 ext.231, fax: 8241517, email: ib-coord@eis-manila.org). The European International School Manila is located at 75 Swaziland Street, Better Living Subdivision Parañaque. Interested parties may also log on to

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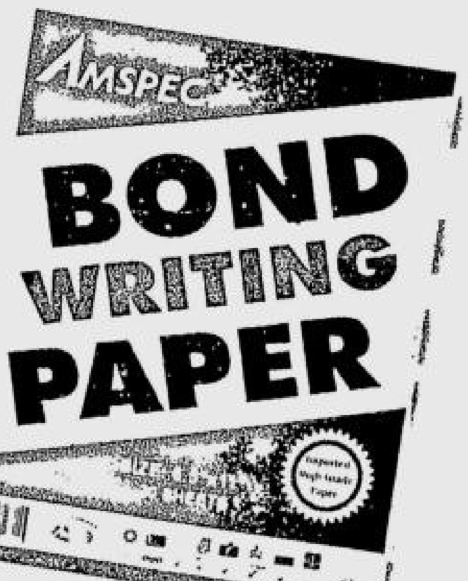

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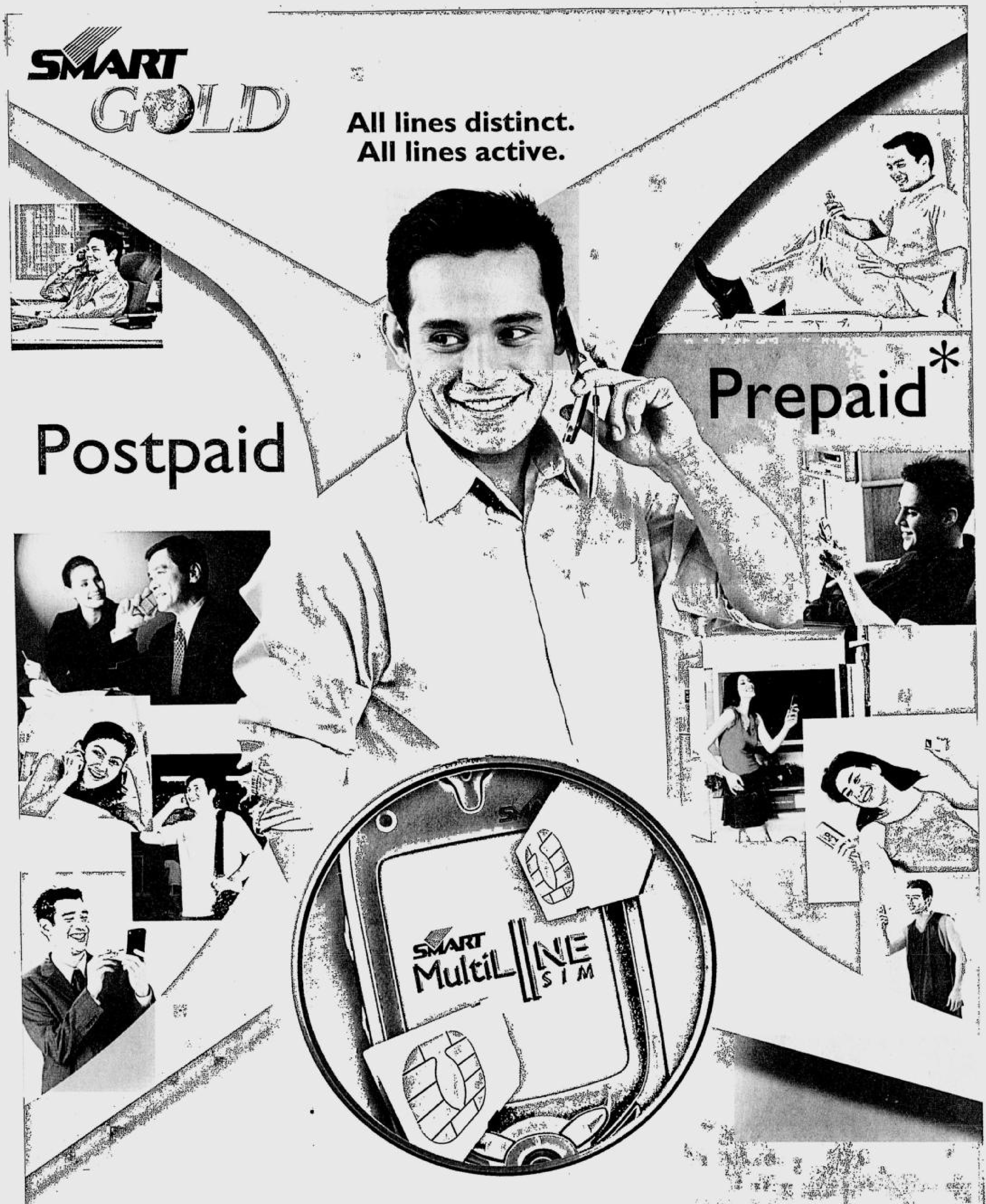

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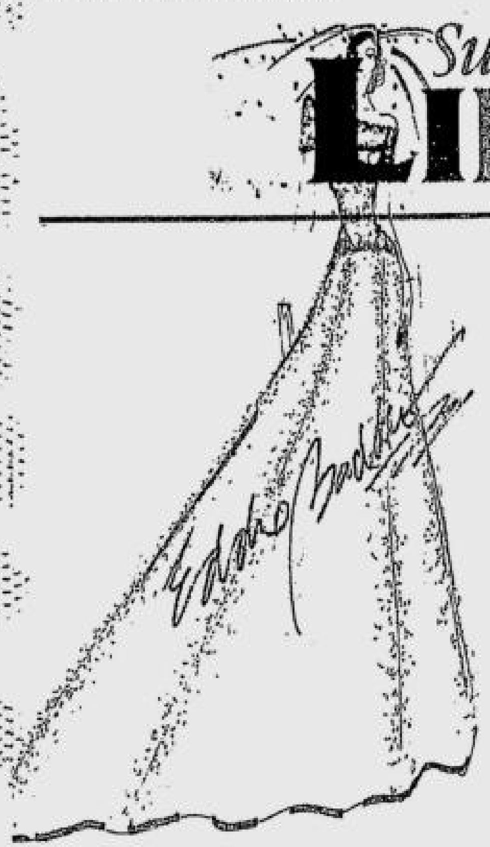

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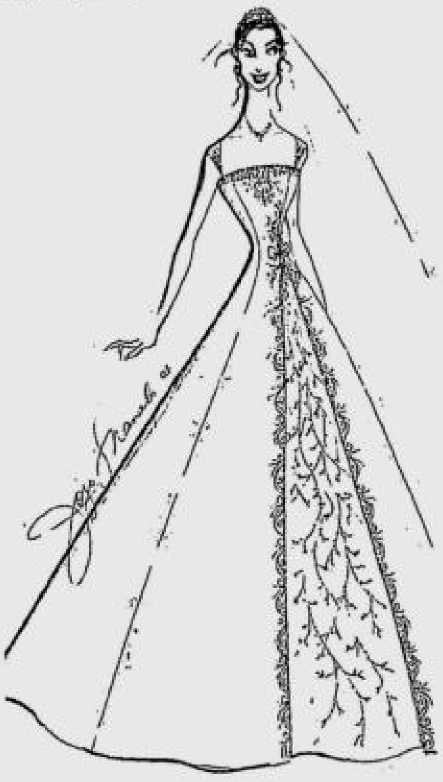
MEÑEZ-OLIMPO

Victor Meñez, son of **Dominador** and **Gloria Meñez**, will marry **Mydee Olimpo**, daughter of Dr. **Renato** and **Expedita Olimpo**, on March 19, at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Bel-Air, Makati. Reception will follow at Manila Mandarin Oriental Hotel Ballroom in Makati.

The bride will wear an ivory-white princess-cut off-shoulder silk gaza and Spanish lace top bodice embellished with caviar and sugar beads, designed and executed by **Eddie Baddeo**. The headdress of fresh flowers and makeup will be by **Patrick Rosas** while florist **Tony Rodriguez**, assisted by **Nathan de Leon**, will do the bouquet and flowers. Baddeo also did the gowns for the mothers of bride and groom in champagne beige and secondary sponsors in summer colors like chartreuse, yellow, pink lilac, lavender, tangerine, pomelo orange and blue.



RAYO-ALMARIO

Al Ryan T. Rayo, son of **Alfonso** and **Mila** (nee **Tequillo**) Rayo, will marry Richelle P. Almario, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Flordeliza** (nee **Pualengco**) Almario, on March 19, at the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Sta. Maria, Bulacan. Reception will follow at Pineda's Residence, Brgy. San Gabriel, Sta. Maria, Bulacan.

ROSETE-ABELEDA

Alexander Rosete, son of Telesforo and Adelaida Rosete and Maria Joana Abeleda, daughter of Mayor Leonardo and Amelia Abeleda of Sta. Cruz, Occidental Mindoro will exchange vows today at the Manila Cathedral. Reception will follow at Coconut Palace

MACARAEG-SANCHEZ

Gerald Macaraeg, son of Teddy and Marieta Macaraeg, married Rosanne Sanchez, daughter of Romy and Sonie Sanchez recently. It was solemnized at Saint Ignatius Cathedral, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

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By the light of the magical moon

Text by Tita Meneses-Trillo
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THE RICHIE McNamee-Tata Roxas wedding was one of the most romantic celebrations of love I have ever witnessed. Set in St. Therese's Chapel at Crown Peak Gardens, Subic, it gathered friends and family at sunset to witness love the second time around.

The bride's yellow-orange gown was a Christian Lacroix creation, a bit nontraditional for a bridal gown, but truly elegant. Richie, meanwhile, looked dashing in a dark tux by Ermenegildo Zegna, accented with a bright-orange bow tie and a lavender handkerchief on his breast pocket.

The quaint chapel—filled with about 60 intimate friends and family members—was decorated with Malaysian mums in the colors of yellow and orange, complemented by the single white calla lily of the bride and her entourage, a Vera Wang inspiration of

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Devotees hold second symposium on St. Joseph

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THE JOSEPHITE-MARELLIAN Movement held recently its second symposium on St. Joseph at the CAP auditorium in Lipa. At least 700 devotees from as far as Iloilo, Davao and Antique attended.

They were teachers and students of schools run by the Oblates of St. Joseph (OSJ) and parishioners of parishes named after St. Joseph and administered by the same order.

I was invited to speak on my personal experiences of answered prayers through the intercession of my patron saint. My mother, a devotee of St. Joseph, named me Josephine and my brother Jose. Her father's name was Jose Clemente.

It was her devotion and faith in the powerful intercession of St. Joseph that helped her send us to school. My brother Jose finished education and is head teacher of the Ilocos Norte High School. My brothers Palmarine and Abraham took up engineering while my sister Donna and brother Pompeyo finished commerce.

St. Teresa de Avila said: "Whatever you ask of St. Joseph, you will receive." He is the foster father of Jesus and whatever he asks Jesus, Jesus will grant it. This was the experience of Fr. Rony Alkonga, OSJ, whose prayer was answered after two days.

The Josephite-Marellian Movement is named after St. Joseph and Bishop Joseph Marello, founder of the OSJ who was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2001. It is an international organization of lay devotees of St. Joseph and St. Marello.

In the Philippines the group is headed by Fr. Rony Alkonga. He is assisted by seven priests and two lay women—Gloria Moranda and lawyer Asuncion Kalalo, who has different images of St. Joseph in various sizes.

Other speakers were Bishop Socrates Villegas, whose diocese in Bataan has St. Joseph as patron saint; Fr. Winston Carrera, OSJ, who spoke on the theological aspects of the devotion; and former ambassador to the Vatican Henrietta de Villa, who talked about the virtues of St. Joseph.

Healing priest Fr. Nelson Osorio shared his personal experiences as he celebrated Mass after the symposium.

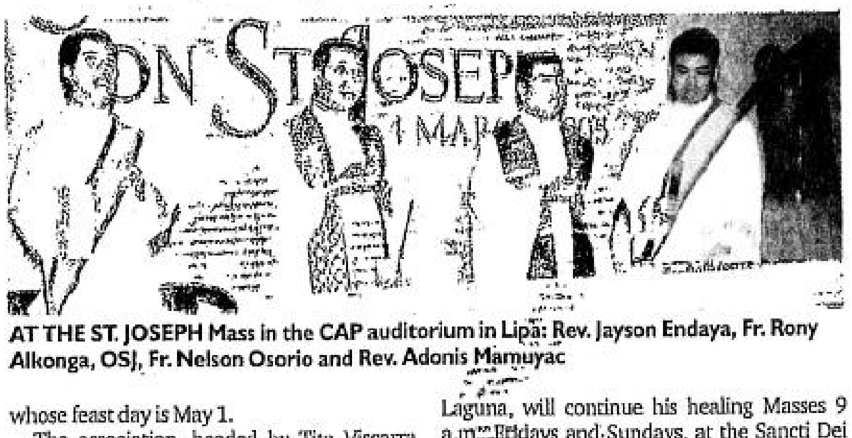
OSJ

The Oblates of St. Joseph was founded by St. Joseph Marello in Asti, Italy, in 1878. Oblates dedicate themselves to service to the church. They undertake the moral and religious education of the youth, exercise the pastoral ministry in mission and parishes, as well as in aid of diocesan clergy, and promote devotion to St. Joseph.

The first Oblates came to the Philippines in 1915 and settled in Lipa on the invitation of the diocese's first bishop, Joseph Petrelli. Today they are also in Laguna, Cavite, Antipolo, Manila, Iloilo, Davao, Antique and Bataan. They work in schools, and are involved in catechetics and youth organizations. Recently, a home for street children in Manila was entrusted to them.

Novena

When Carlos P. Garcia was president, the Tagbilaranos in Metro Manila set up the Tagbilaran Association of Metro Manila to hold a yearly novena to St. Joseph March 10-19. Tagbilaran's patron saint is St. Joseph the Worker, whose feast day is May 1.



AT THE ST. JOSEPH Mass in the CAP auditorium in Lipa: Rev. Jayson Endaya, Fr. Rony Alkonga, OSJ, Fr. Nelson Osorio and Rev. Adonis Mamuyac

The association, headed by Tita Viscarra Lapez as president and Sol Alturas Yu as VP, began the novena last March 10 at the residence of lawyer Gonzalo and Baby Escalona at 148 10th St., New Manila, QC.

Lawyer Agustinus Gonzaga and his wife, *hermanos mayores*, will host the dinner dance on March 19, after a Concelebrated Mass and procession, at the Club Filipino.

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Stage play

Mars Ramos, president of the Nueva Ecija Center for Culture and the Arts, says high-school students at the College of the Immaculate Conception have formed the CIC Star 47 Repertory Company and are staging "Moises, Moises" on March 19, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The one-act play was written by the late Rogelio Sikat of Barangay Alua, San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Director is Mary Angelie Mabagos. Stage manager is Patricia Esteban.

Healing Masses

Fr. Diwane Cacao, appointed recently as administrator of San Isidro Parish in Biñan, Laguna, will continue his healing Masses 9 a.m., Fridays and Sundays, at the Sancti Dei Healing Center in Los Baños. Masses will also be said at 5 p.m., March 18, San Isidro Labrador, Biñan; and 9 a.m., March 25, Good Friday, Sancti Dei Center.

Invitation

The Monastery of the Transfiguration is inviting young men to a "search-in" April 1-3 in Malaybalay, Bukidnon. Admission, food and lodging are free.

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Pilgrimage

A Marian pilgrimage arranged by Catholic Travel will leave March 29. The itinerary includes Montichiari, Italy, where the Virgin Mary, as Rosa Mistica, appeared to a nurse in 1947. From Europe, the group will proceed to the Holy Land. Call 6320223 or 523

Knights

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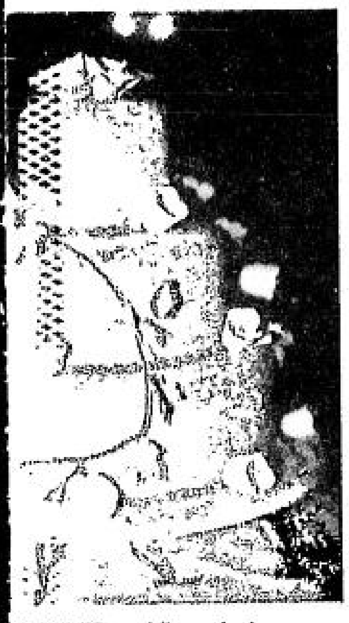

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simplicity and beauty.

The Mass was made more special by the music from a solo lady performer who sang love songs all throughout. I felt goosebumps listening to such endearing love songs and seeing Tata smiling from ear to ear—a contrast to Richie's tears of joy!

The reception was held at the Subic Yacht Club, which allowed everyone to enjoy the spectacular view of the bay with a perfect moon illuminating the entire party at the boardwalk.

As the guests gathered, they were welcomed with Gran Tierra wines, a delicious wine to whet everyone's appetite, and an array of canapés, while music went on and on.

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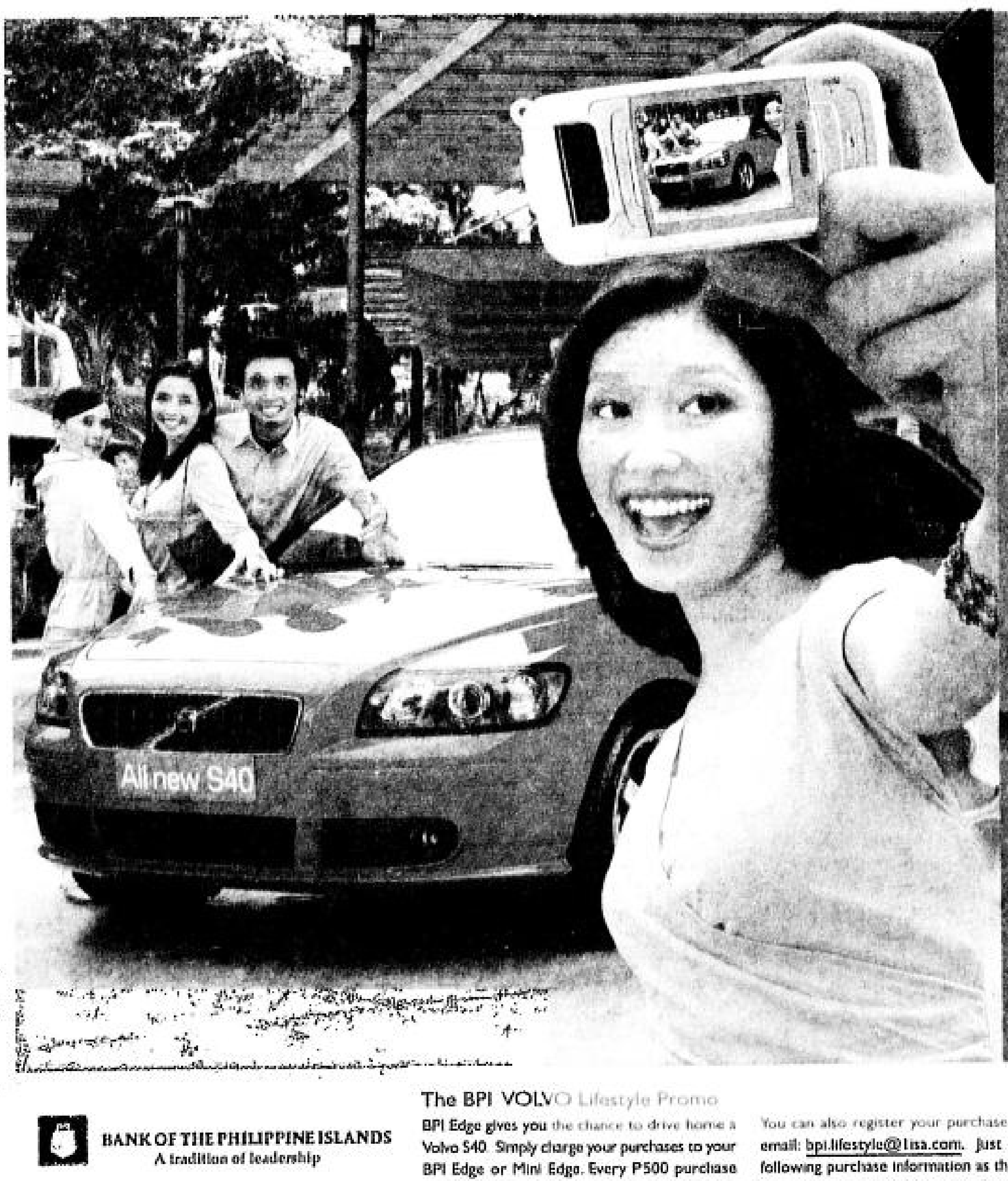

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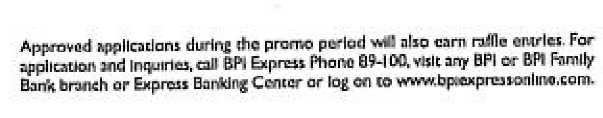

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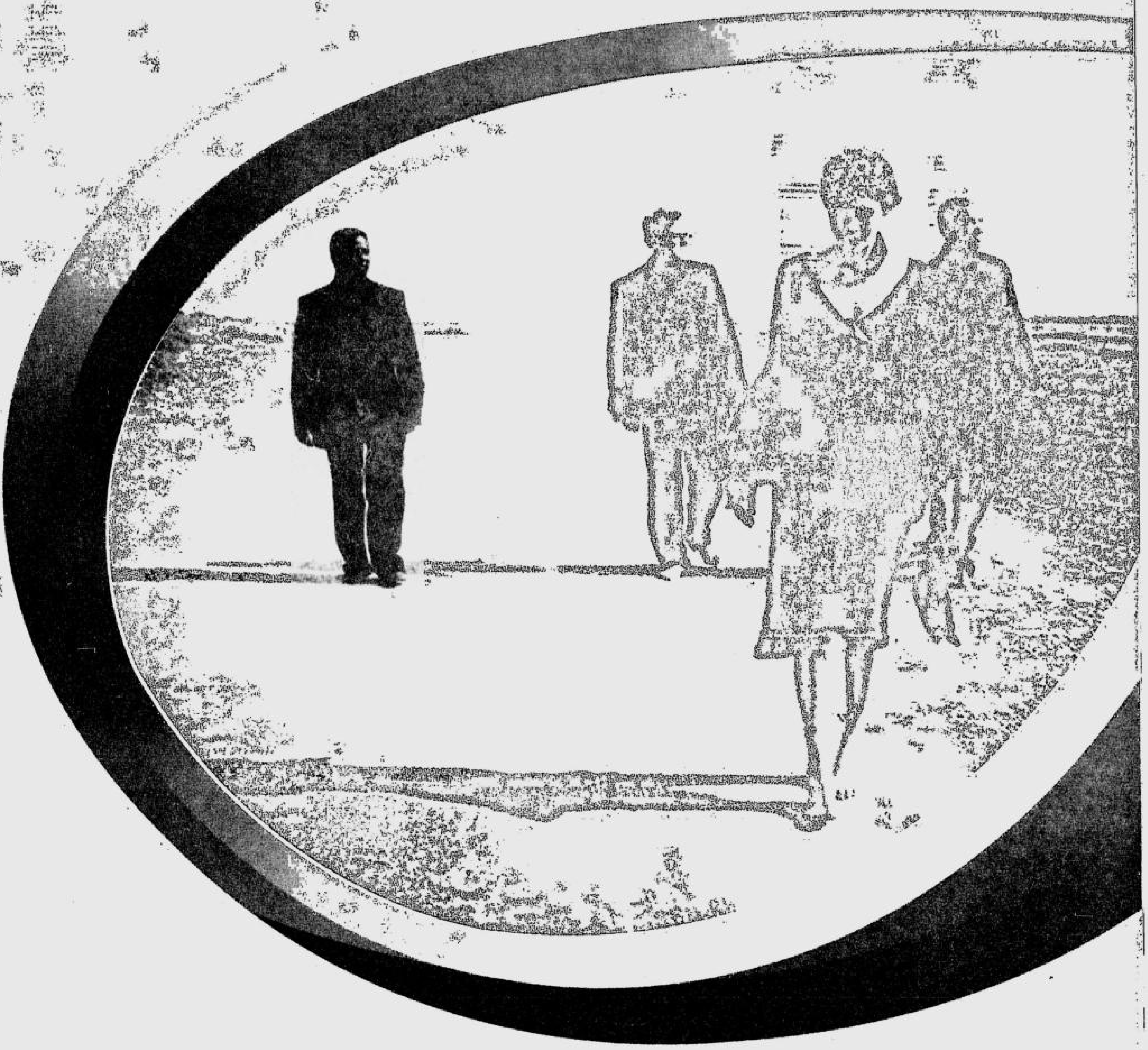

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AT THE HELM of the newly reopened Ayala Museum in Greenbelt is a mild-mannered, unassuming woman with a deep and encompassing love for arts and culture.

Dr. Nina Baker, formerly of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and currently museum director for the Ayala Museum, is not a mere advocate of the arts. She is also one of the country's most significant and influential art experts.

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ONCE again, it was time for the J. Moreno Scholarship Foundation to award grants to deserving students of University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts and College of Medicine.

Imelda Cojuangco, founding chair of the scholarships first given out 30 years ago at the behest of designer Jose "Pitoy" Moreno, personally handed the grants.

This year, the scholars from the College of Fine Arts, where Moreno graduated, included Carl Christopher Loquias, Jethro Razo, Rodrigo Acuzar Jr., Alvin Valencia, Mark Junio Bafa, Marianne Abrina, Amelia Anne Dequito, Don Ryan Bonustro, Michael John Devera, Mervin Morris Malonzo and Carlito Amalia Alumnus.

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In search of a masterpiece

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DR. BAKER discusses her function requirements with Chef Sau del Rosario of M Café.

says, "Love for art and culture is something we're all born with. Love turns into passion the more one knows and learns. The more one gets involved and immersed, the more one invests time and effort and energy."

According to Baker, introduction to museums and the visual and performing arts should be done at an early age so museum-going and appreciation for the arts become second nature to children, rather than something intimidating. "Like all forms of learning, art should be enriching but fun, never rigid nor confining," she adds.

Organizing and disseminating information about exhibitions are among her means of accomplishing these goals.

"With the dawning of the digital age and the growing popularity of gadgets, technology makes possible things that we could only dream of before," she says.

Exhibitions are now put toget with speed, thanks to computers a cellular phones. "We are also able to form people more quickly about our hibitions and programs," says Baker.

In fact, mobile telephones can be veloped to help provide information ongoing exhibitions, events, and p grams not just at the Ayala Museum at all the major museums here a abroad.

"I hope that mobile phone manu turers will continue to develop featu that we can use to foster greater awa ness of the arts, such as enhanced im ing and sound capabilities," she add

Manila symposium

Sony Ericsson, in fact, has teamed with Baker, a Sony Ericsson P910i u herself, in presenting "Manila. A Wo Entrepot: 16th-19th Century Exchar of Objects between Asia, Europe a the Americas."

The three-day symposium on Ju 24-26 will convene prominent sch ars, curators, writers and esteem speakers from prestigious art establi ments such as the New York Public brary, Newberry Library in Chicago, Metropolitan Museum of Art in N York and New York University's Institute of Fine Arts.

Other art world-class speakers p ticipating in the event will come fr the National Museum of Ethnology Leiden, Netherlands, and our very o National Historical Institute of Philippines, National Museum of Philippines, University of Santo Tom Ateneo de Manila and the Ayala Museum.

Baker says, "Mobile phones are so sential to my profession and lifest especially with tight deadlines." A us friendly and powerful mobile pho with photo and video capabilities, is tremely useful to her. She uses her S Ericsson to record arresting ima that may be useful for future refere and taps its e-mail capability especi when she is on the road, whether in cal Manila traffic or when overseas.

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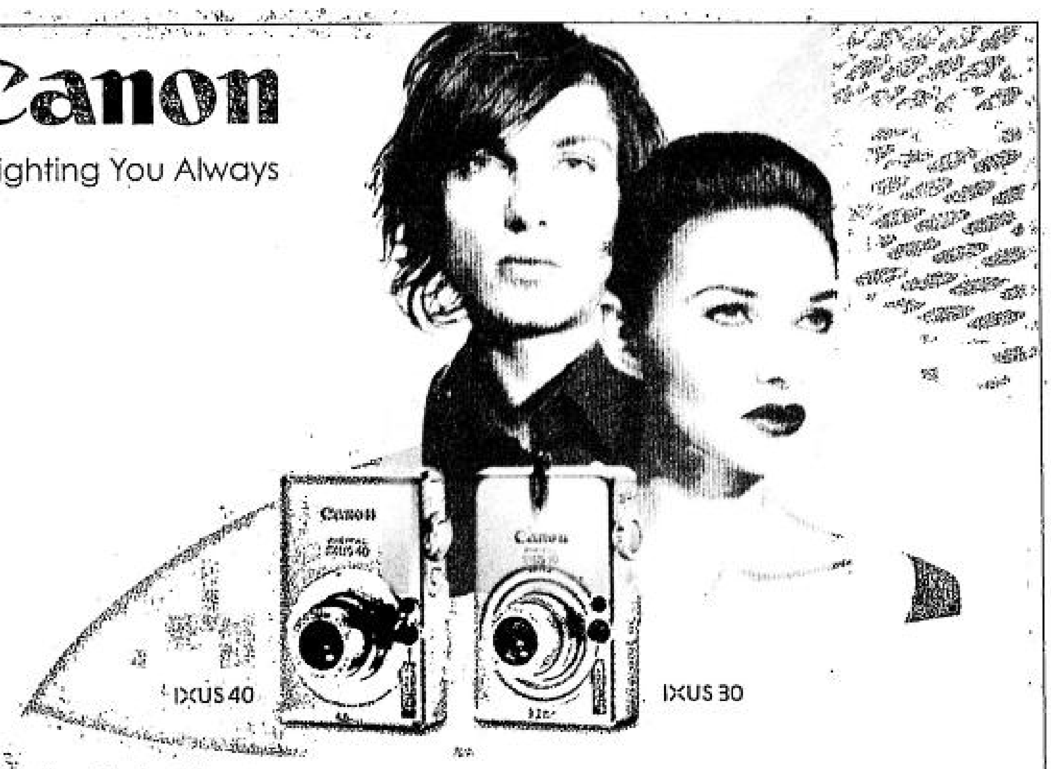

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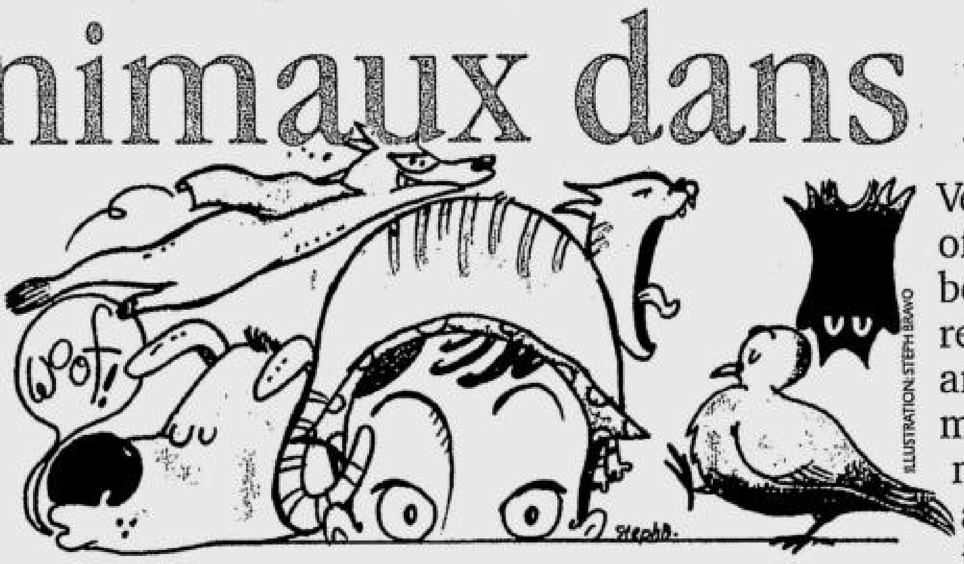
'Les animaux dans ma vie'

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

AT THE END of one episode of the movie "Lord of the Rings," it was portrayed quite clearly that we live in one universe and that the creatures from its different dimensions interact with one another. Such as the humans with the spirits of the dead, with the fairies and elves and ghouls, with the prehistoric animals and the present animals. That originally there were no divisions, that one could go from one dimension to another with no trouble at all. The boundaries are created by man and creatures of other realms—such as ghosts and fairies and animals of the past—are invisible to our now coarser faculties.

Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner, too, believed that the creatures of the universe help one another. A clairvoyant, he professed that eons ago, when man came to be, he was supposed to receive all the characteristics of the animal kingdom. But the beasts volunteered to take on those traits and so it is they who growl and claw and kill other beings. To the lowest on the earth's totem pole, therefore, we owe a debt of gratitude.



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As we have all observed, though, vestiges of savage behavior remain, only now they are well in control under that coat and tie. Once in a while these primal urges break loose and we have killings in blind rage and merciless rapes and the battering of wives. (Old folks used to comment on such inhuman behavior with the Spanish "Animal!"). The occasional snarl that may accompany a sarcastic comment or the craving for a rare steak could well be little old vestiges of it.

Lola's menagerie

Of course I knew none of this when, as a little girl, I would visit Pagsanjan's Lola Pia, whose house was full of animals. If I remember correctly, she had a *musang* (civet) that was fed raw meat, a large coiled python fed likewise, several vegetarian monkeys, a stag with antlers like a branched candelabra, a flying fox, a Palawan skunk, a *kalaw* (hornbill), several upside down bats and a stray pussycat. Big wire cages were attached to each window or crammed in the *azotea*.

Lola Pia loved animals and her house smelled like a zoo. When a pet died it was immediately stuffed by her taxidermist and posed realistically on the stair landing. After ascending a flight of steps you met this frozen army of beloved dogs, cats, birds, deer, monitor lizards and cobras.

> Vestiges of savage behavior remain among men, only now they are well in control under that coat and tie

My experience with pets is quite limited. Aside from the usual dog, the only pet I recall having at home was a succession of white pigeons. You see, my mother was an incorrigible catcher of pigeons released from the flower-covered wedding bell of wedding receptions in the '70s. When she jumped for a dove, even in high heels, she always got it. Mama either brought home the bird she caught or forced it on me. My husband clipped its wings and the pigeon walked pigeon-toed all around the house like she owned it.

We named the bird who lived longest Becky. She adored my husband and would follow him around everywhere, even into the bathroom where she watched him shave, comb his hair and apply deodorant on his armpits. When it was time to shower, though, he would firmly shoo Becky out with splashes of water and shut the door.

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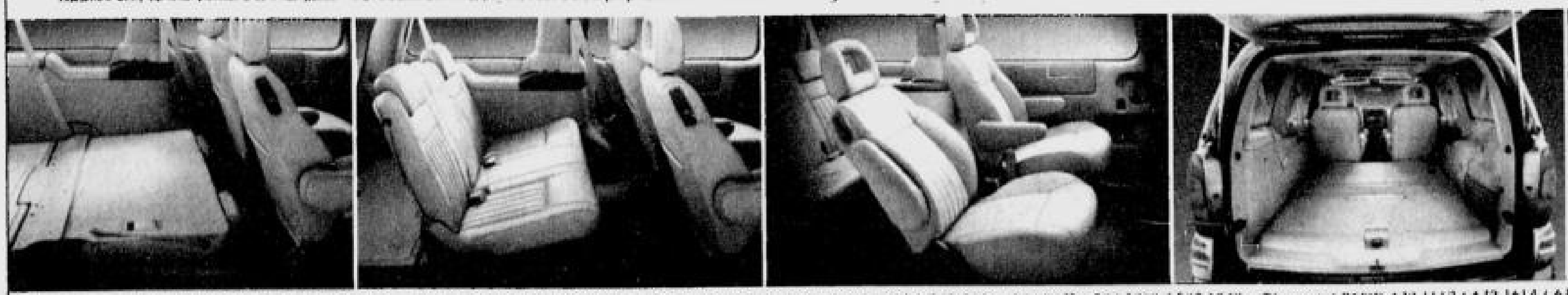

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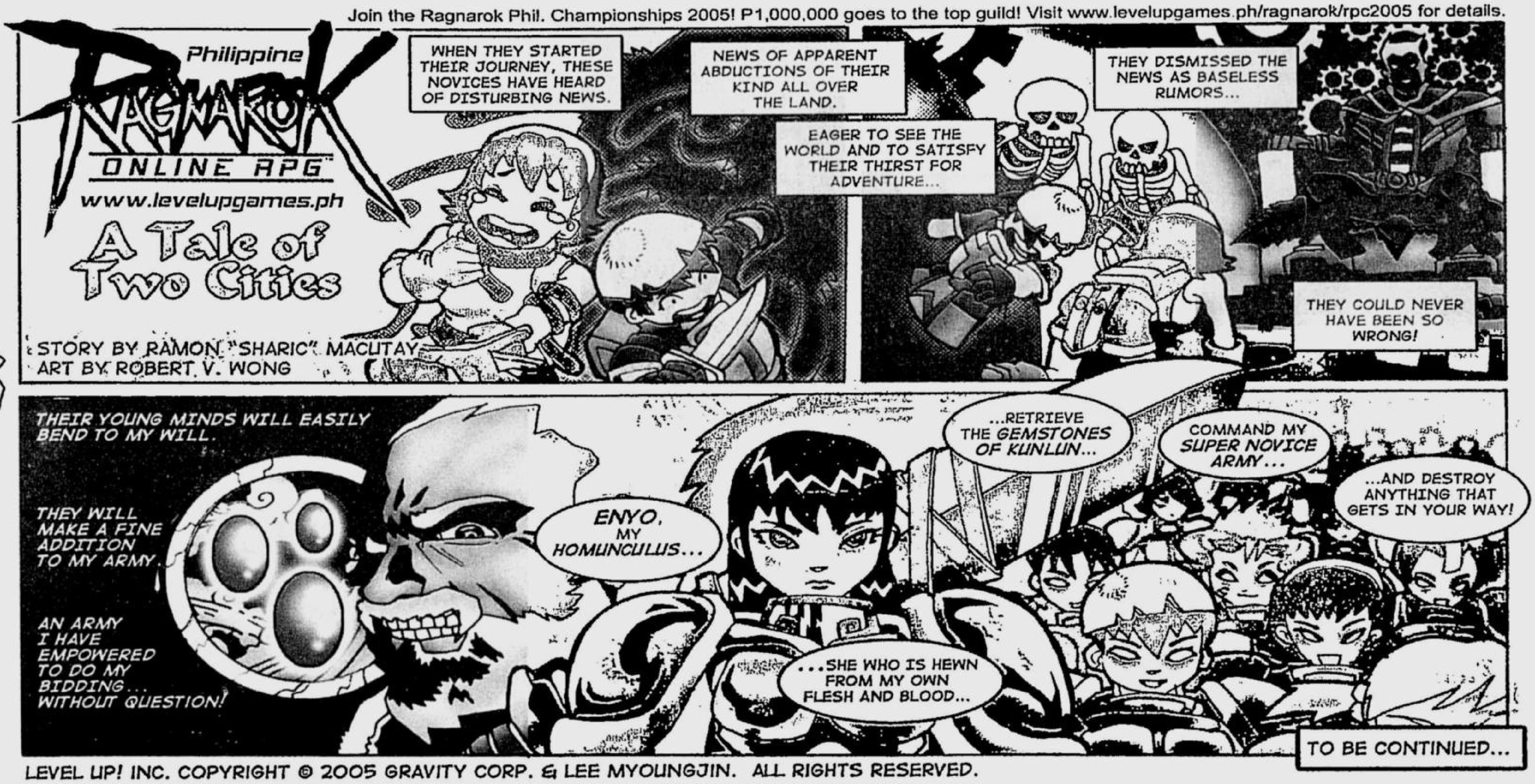
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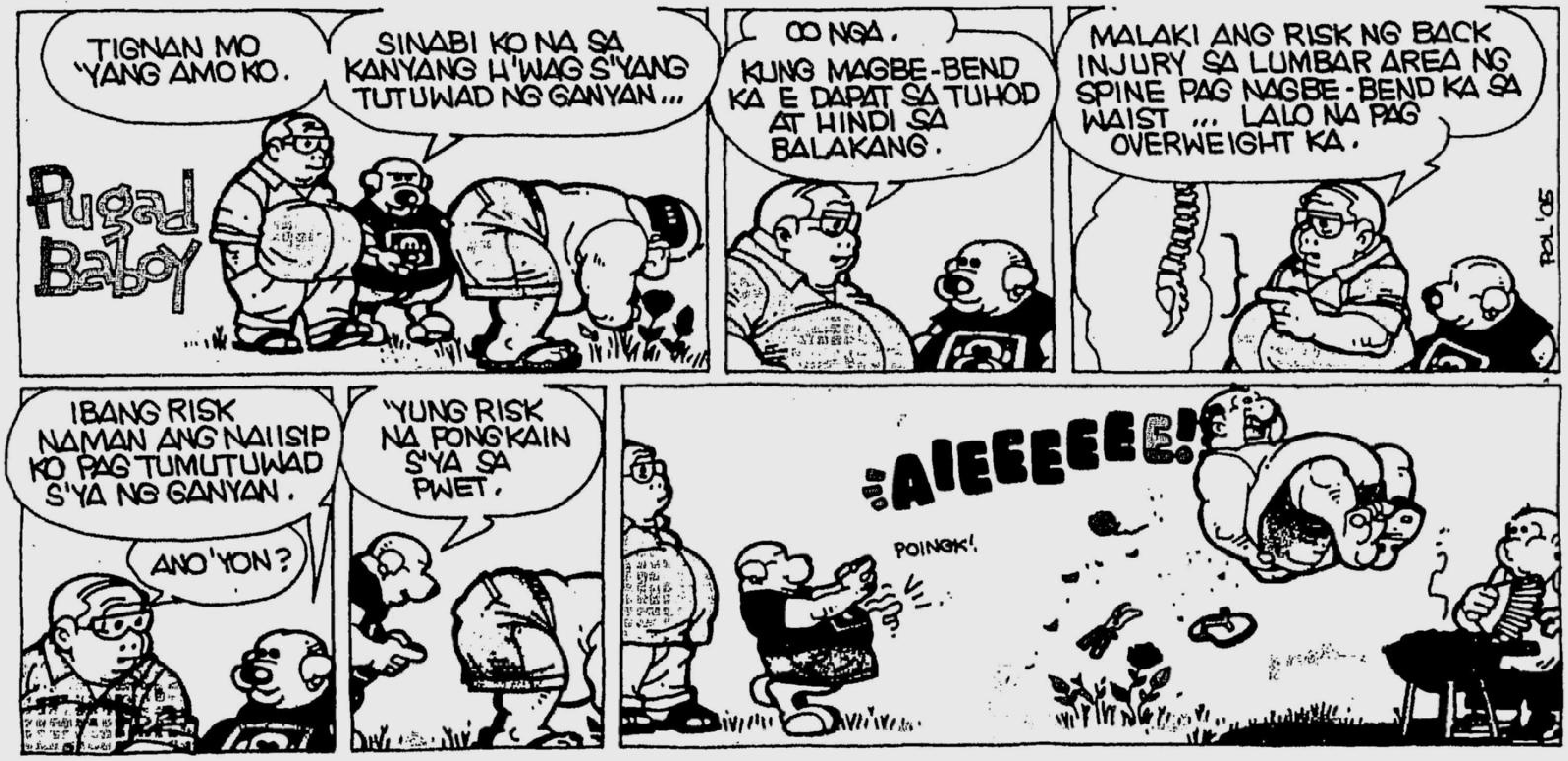
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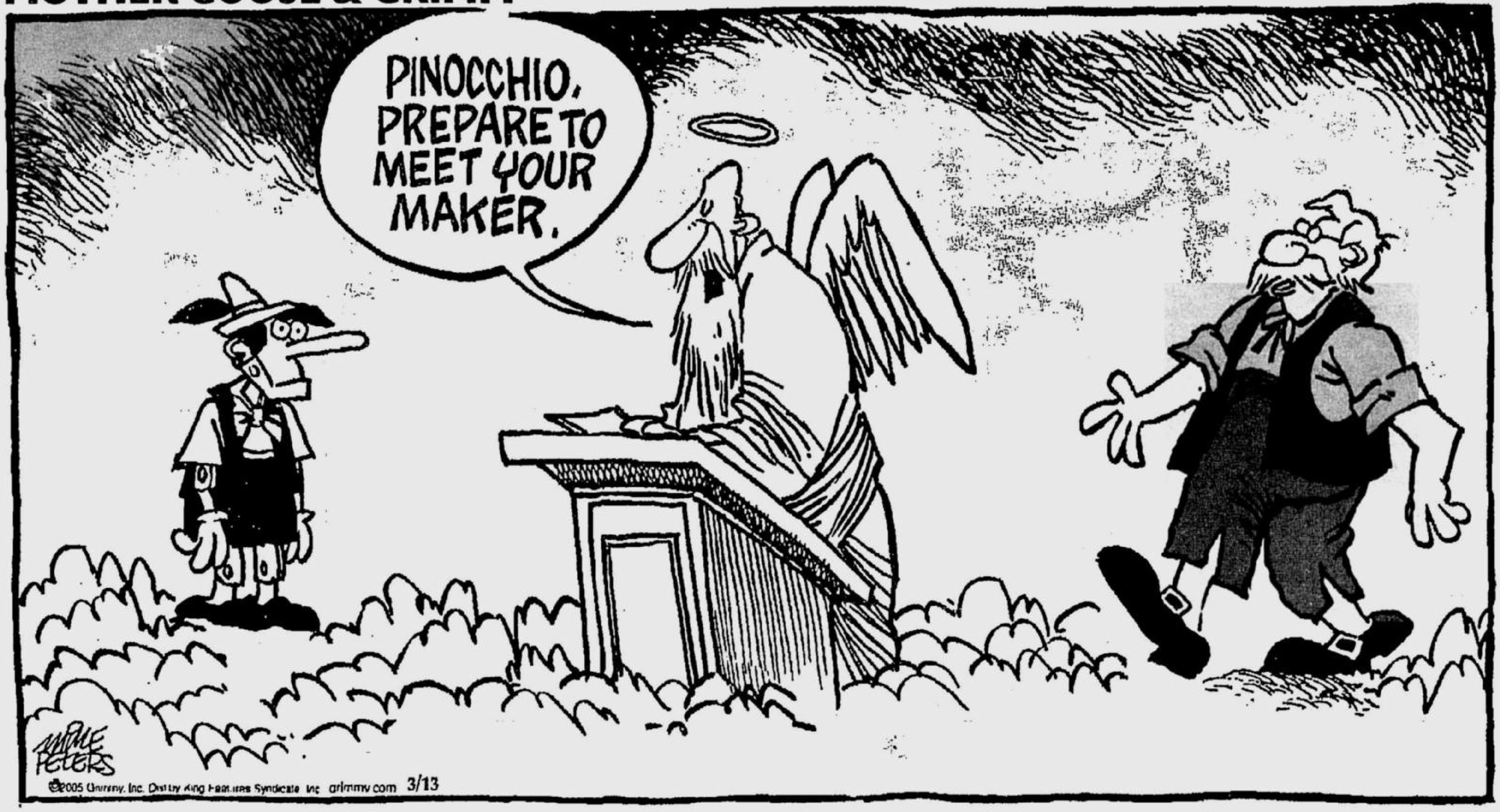
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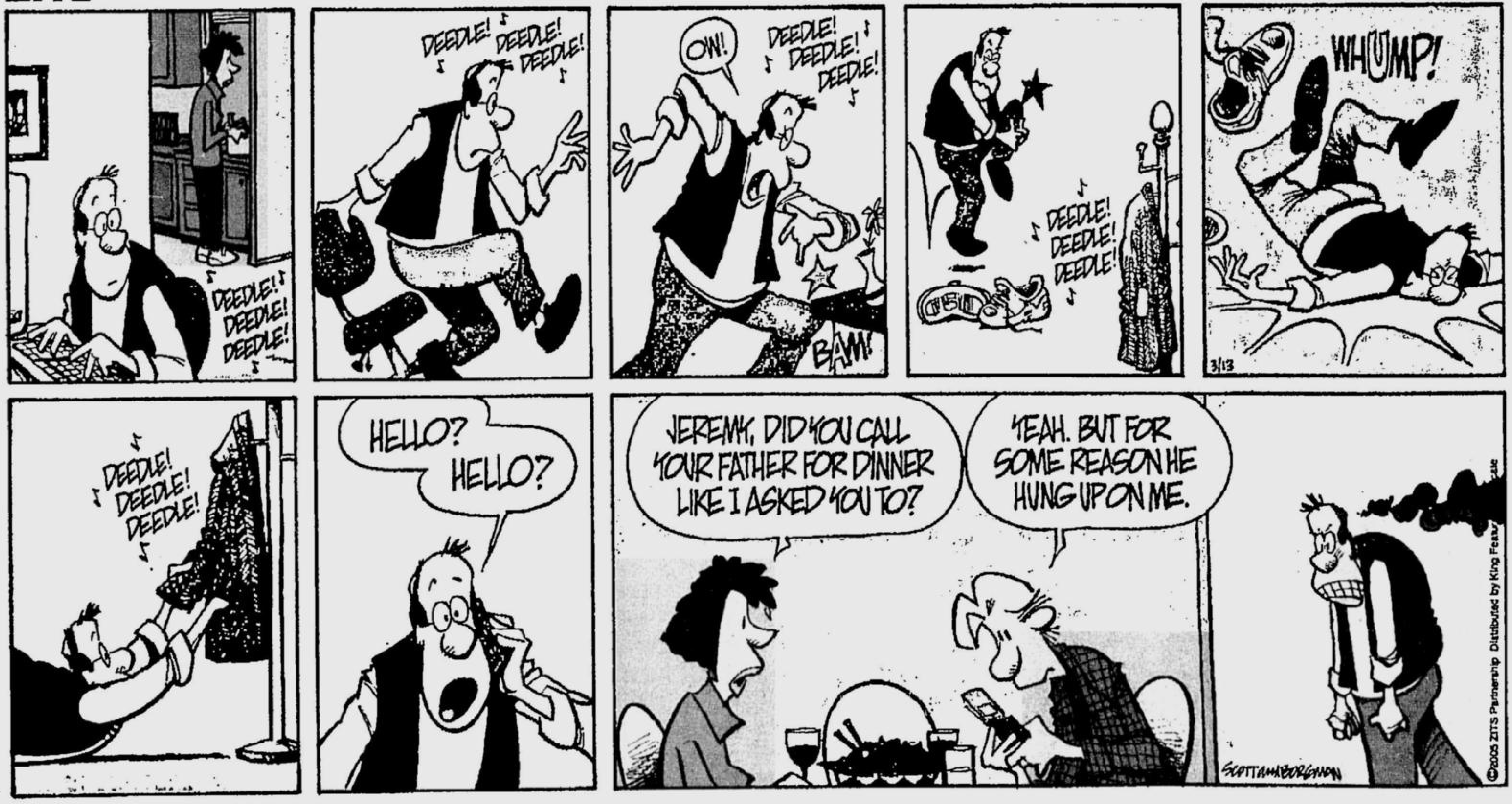
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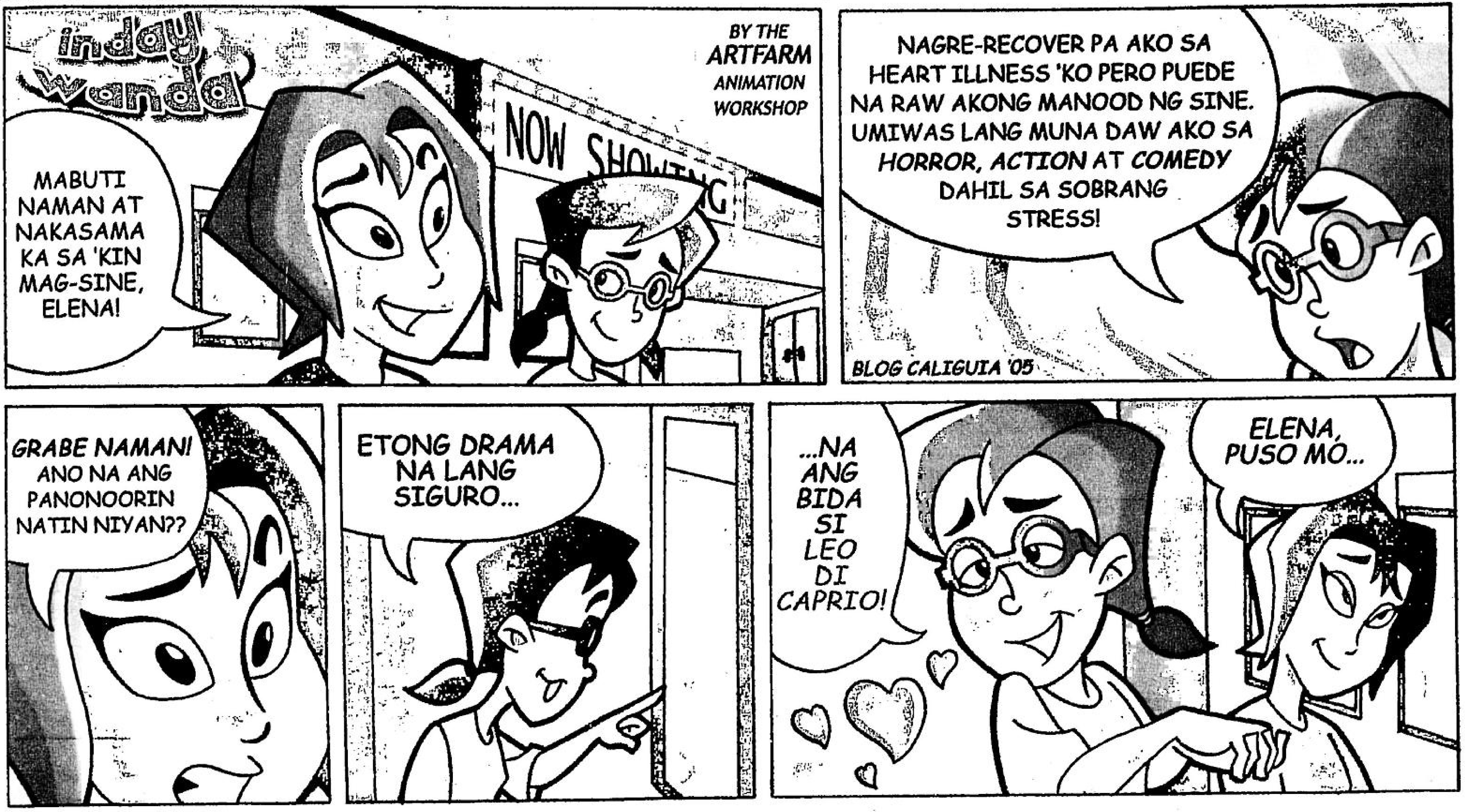
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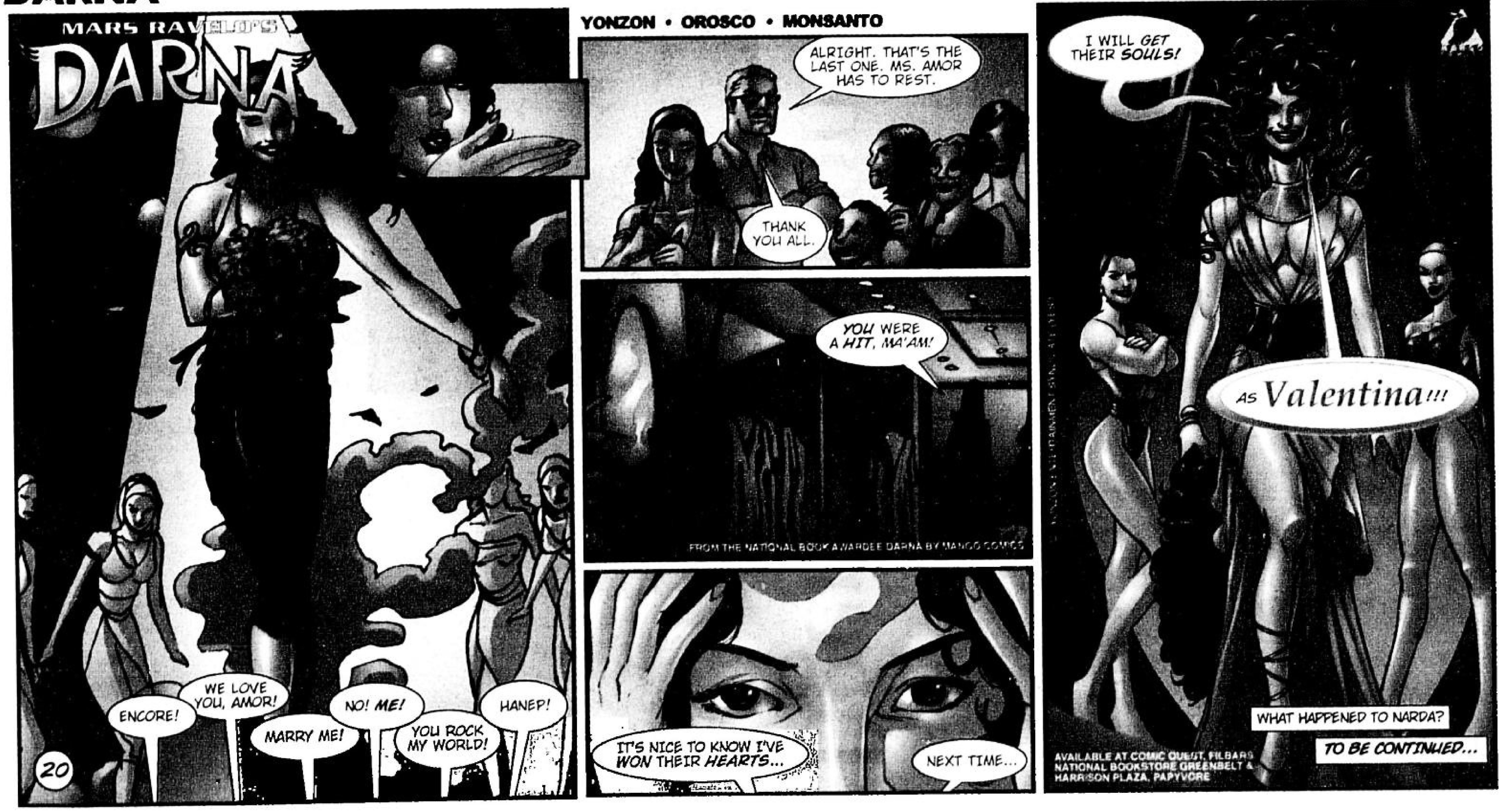
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MARRY ME!
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YOU ROCK MY WORLD!
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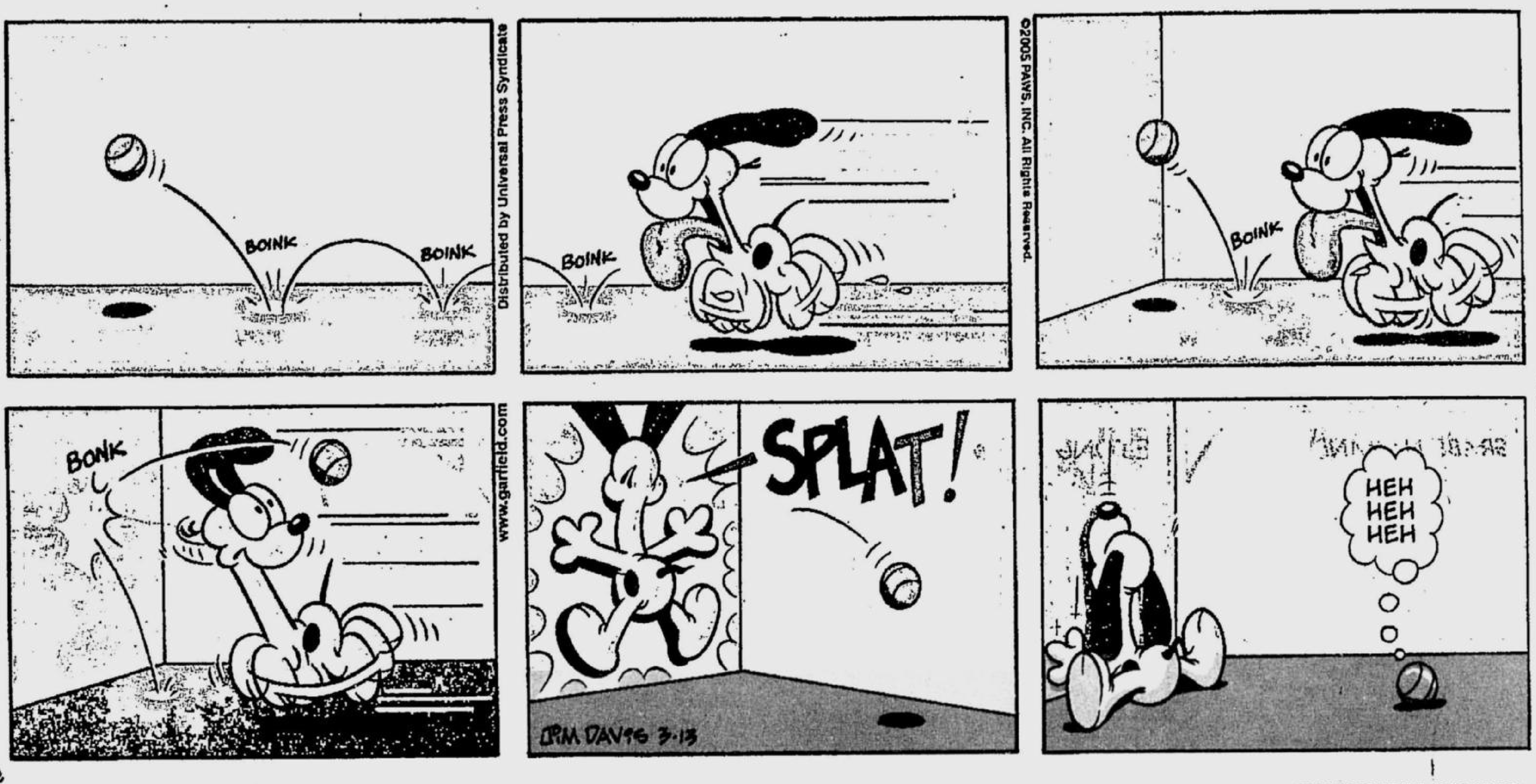
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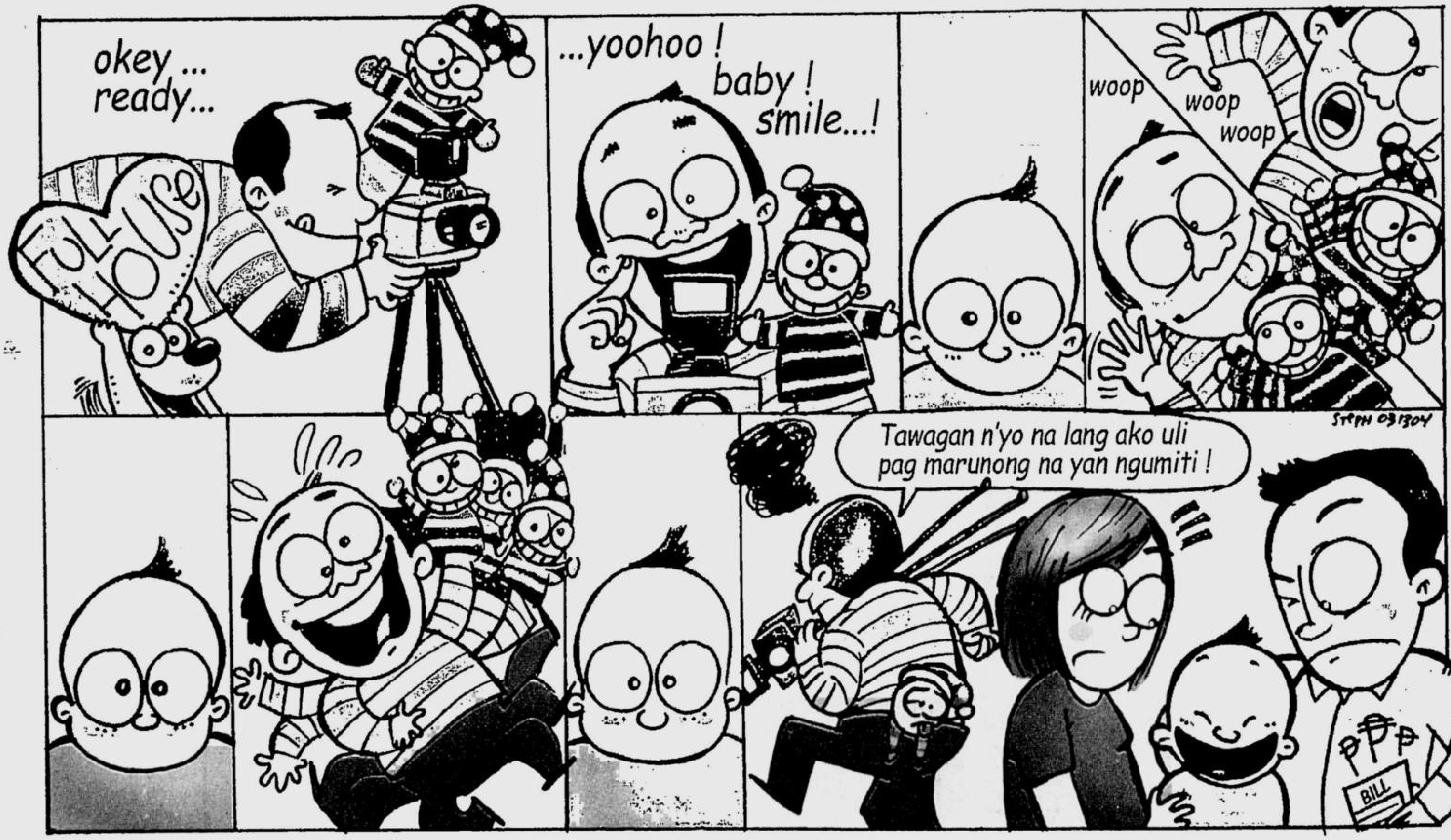
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Tawagan n'yo na lang ako uli pag marunong na yan ngumiti !
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B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

KIDS go touchy-feely with tiny reptiles at the Avilon Zoo, but not to worry as these are toys.

UP close and personal, perhaps too personal, as a Second Mom student pets the pony at this Montalban zoo.

Tigers and lions and snakes, oh my!

HAVE you ever heard of the Avilon Zoo? That's right, it's a zoo and it's welcome news for those who have sworn off zoos after a not-too-pleasant time at the old Manila Zoo.

To the Avilon Zoo in Montalban recently trooped the children from Second Mom, a progressive child care and preschool catering to kids 2-6 years old. Teachers and parents and *yayas* in tow, of course!

The zoo trip was designed to allow the children to see for themselves the sizes, colors and forms of the animals they learned about in class, and to hear the unique sounds the animals make.

Avilon is home to many amazing and wonderful creatures. There are crocodiles of all sizes and colors, as well as birds of prey such as the Philippine eagle owl and the beady-eyed hawk, which the children petted and patted.

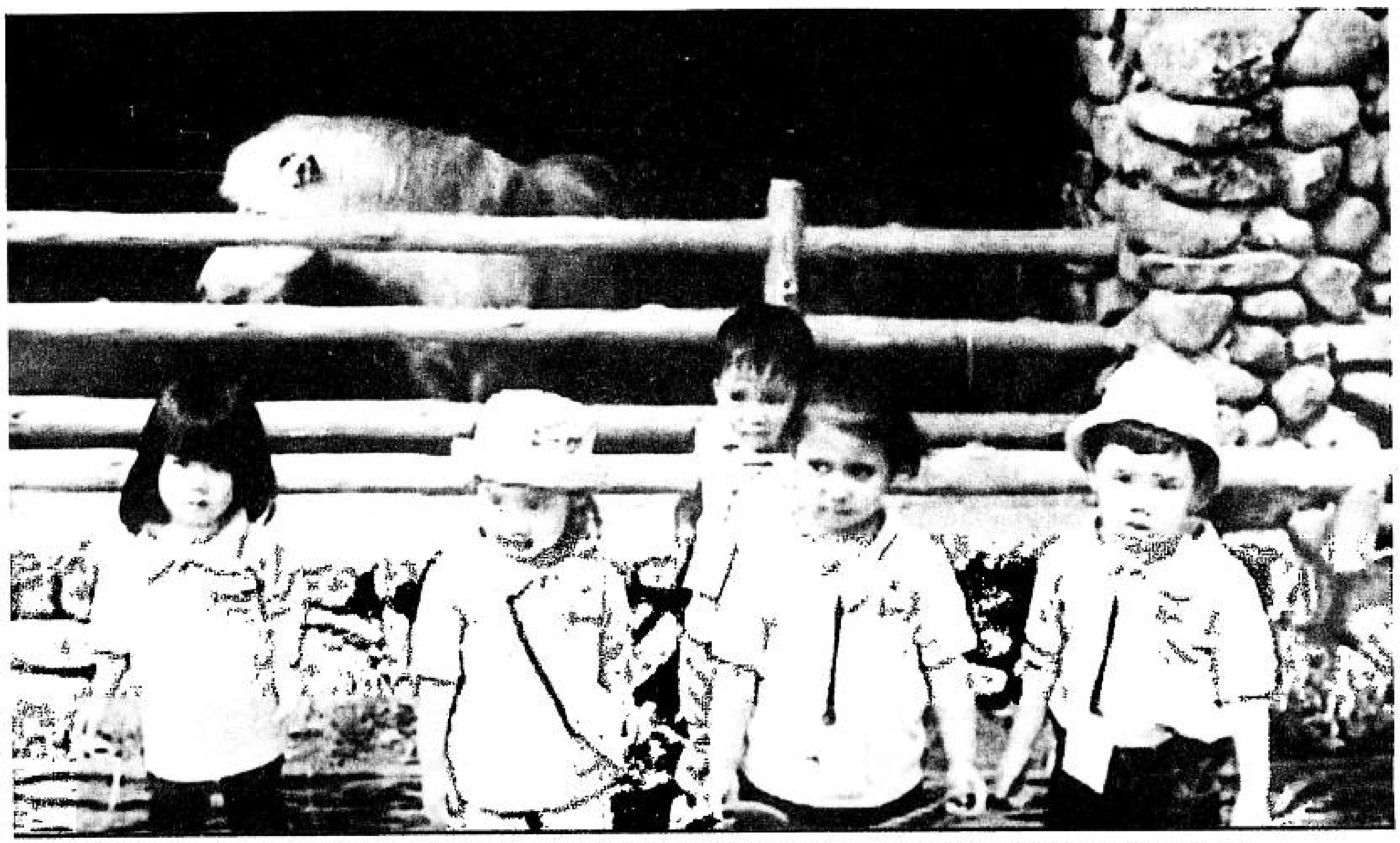
In the monkey habitat were long-limbed and limber monkeys that showed off their penchant for acrobatics as they swung from branch to branch.

The children also observed the big cats—jaguars, leopards, tigers and lions—as well as snakes and frogs as they were napping.

The clear favorites were the cute little lambs, a warthog that looked very much like Pumba of "The Lion King," and Joey the orangutan.

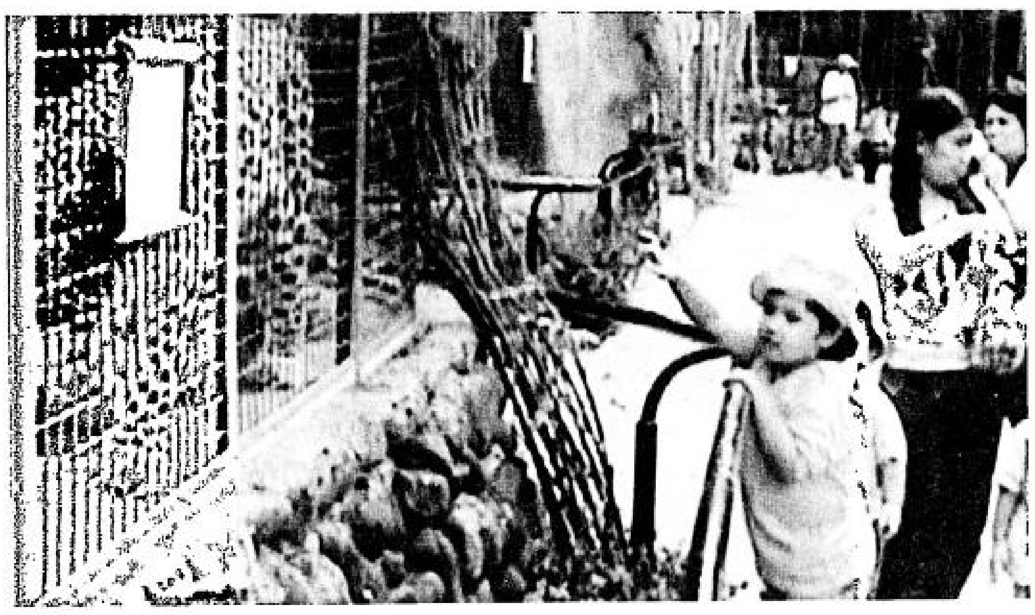
There were also small nocturnal mammals such as squirrels, hedgehogs and the elusive armadillos.

Second Mom is located at Dormitory 1, Philsports Complex (Ultra), Barangay Ugong, Pasig City, with tel. 6359743 and 6352002.



ZOO CUTIES. Toddlers from the Second Mom nursery and preschool pose in their blue outfits as the camera-shy pony looks away in the background.

KINDERGARTEN kids toy around with a faux snake.



NURSERY student, color-coded in yellow, spots the leopard.

'Les animaux dans ma vie'

From page F1

Animal-loving 'balaes'

It was not long before I realized that my own two *balaes* loved animals. Mol's mother-in-law, Josie Dim, owned a Japanese Spitz who could sing. Spy (named after a character in "The Game of the Generals") was a high maintenance dog because he was so attractive to fleas. Josie, a Mrs. Superclean, was forever bathing and de-lousing the creature until she finally decided to give him away.

But someone put Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture on the turntable and Spy began to sing. The family was impressed with Spy's talent. Whenever there were visitors, Josie would put the dog on the sofa, put on the record, and Spy would entertain the guests. So they stopped giving him away. Before Spy died he was even able to teach their other dog, a poodle, to sing.

The first-time I realized that my other son Arcus' mother-in-law, Julie Villareal, was an *animaux* lover was when my husband and I went to Bing Bing's house to ask for her hand. Through the glass I could see their sheep named Waway walking nonchalantly around the swimming pool.

Actually, Waway had been sheep-napped by some Upsilonians as part of their frat initiation and later dumped in Julie's garden. She was tame and terribly cute, with thick curly fleece. I imagined Waway with a pink garland around her neck and lobbied for her marching down the aisle with Arcus and Bing Bing as part of the wedding ensemble. (It was 1989, however, and Tessa Prieto's high-society wedding with two Afghan hounds marching with the bride and groom, so well publicized in the papers, had not yet come to pass). Anyway my son waged a sit-down strike, claiming that Waway would only freak out their guests.

Snake in the garden

There were 3,000 sq. m. of wild garden behind the Villareal house. The family had been told that the land had once been a cobra farm where snakes were bred by a laboratory for their venom. The first time the family was convinced that this was true was when they found, in the backyard, meter-long molten skins of two snakes twined in loving embrace. Julie also kept several dogs, a pair of geese (Nico and Nica); a "found" owl bred in captivity (it had fallen off its nest). The owl could turn its head 360 degrees (and did so when I passed by which was really quite flattering). And, oh yes, a monkey named Fidela.

The monkey was formerly the charge of a Brother named Fidel, hence its name (which is unfortunately how many Filipinos name pets, after their donors). Actually, Fidel had bitten one of the abbey's most influential patrons who had requested that the animal be chloroformed. Surreptitiously, Brother Fidel passed Fidela on to Julie's care where the monkey thrived happily on its bamboo pole, but oftener swinging freely from tree to tree. Fondest of Fidela was Julie's son, Tito.

But the monkey had a deep-seated psychological problem. By the time Bing Bing was walking a toddler through the garden, Fidela had become insanely jealous. Since the monkey was oftener free than tied, the child was in clear and biting danger. And so Fidela was donated to the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wild Life in QC.

Visits to a friend

Tito missed his friend and each afternoon would visit the monkey in the park zoo. He would whistle for it, as always, and the monkey would leave the other monkeys and eagerly go to Tito. How are you, Fidela, he would ask, holding the little black hand mournfully through the bars. As the months went by, the visits grew less and less and one day when Tito came Fidela was not around and he knew that she had died.

Just to show how difficult it is to contain wild animaux, in that same yard, Julie's other son, Junjun, started raising bees. The bees soon discovered that over the fence the neighbor grew beautiful cattleyas. Junjun's bees would make a beeline for them and suck all their honey out. The neighbor got very upset because every time the fat bees visited, the exotic cattleyas really looked raped.

So the nice lady who owned them came over to Julie's house to complain. But what could Junjun do to keep his bees out of such alluring flowers? Soon enough Julie thought of a solution. With the neighbor's permission she went next door and blithely plugged the hole in every orchid with a cotton bud. And they worked indeed as very effective chastity belts.

When I went to visit filmmaker Kidlat Tahimik in Baguio several years ago, a hawk was living without a cage in his study. Kidlat had bought the baby hawk from some peddlers on the highway in order to save it. The hawk zoomed down when Kidlat was telling a story and it zoomed over our heads as we were eating supper.

Freedom ritual

When it was old enough to fend for itself, Kidlat, along with his friends, brought the hawk all the way to Banaue. After an Ifugao ritual, they set the hawk free. They even composed a good-luck song for its flight.

Sometimes animals perish, no matter how much you care for them in captivity. When we were doing a book together, artist Bob Feleo had his studio right next to Muñoz market in Quezon City. Two pet monitor lizards had the run of the place. Every day he bought them meat from the wet market. But eventually Bob had to receive graduate students who wanted to paint in his studio and the resident *bayawaks* frightened them. So Bob had a huge aquarium made for the monitor lizards in the porch where they could be committed when there were other people around.

One foot of the male monitor lizard had only four toes. You see, the pair had been gifted to Bob as exotic gourmet items. They came bound so tightly with nylon string that it mangled their flesh and the toe of one had to be amputated. Since Bob would never eat such creatures he set them loose in his studio. He would feed the big lizards from his fingers and touch them until they grew truly domesticated. But that had its price. The female got so lazy and fat she died of overeating.

The remaining *bayawak* lived until it was a foot long. One day it ventured to the wall outside the studio (which was on the third floor). The street children spotted it clinging to the wall. They probably thought it was a mini godzilla and they began pointing at it and screaming excitedly. The lizard got frightened, lost its grip and dashed to its death below.

So maybe some people are repaying *les animaux* that debt of gratitude after all.

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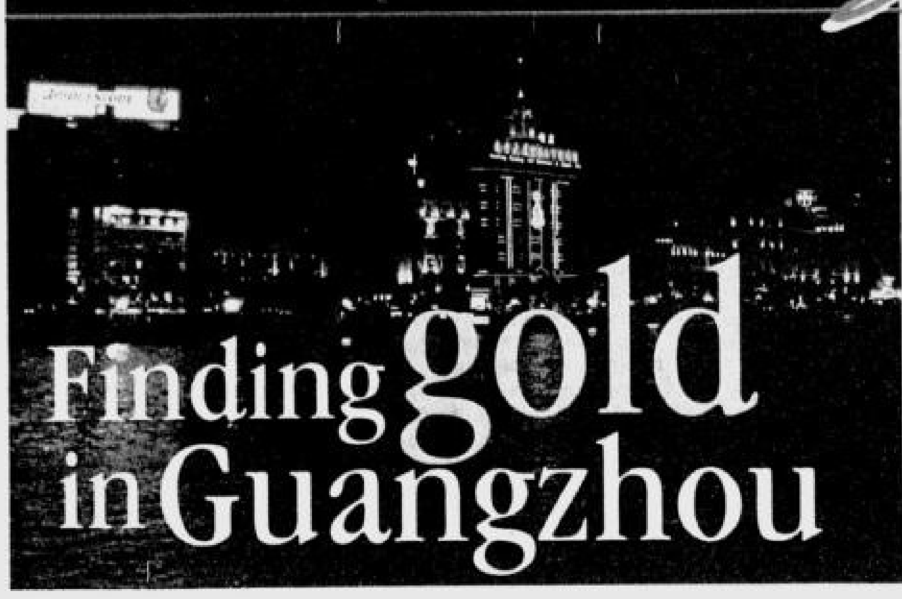

GUANGZHOU'S glittering night skyline along the bank of Pearl River

Finding gold in Guangzhou

The Department of Tourism is aiming big by tapping the vast market of mainland China

Text and photos by Gibbs Cadiz

IN CHINA, gargantuan numbers are a way of life.

The country with the world's biggest population (now at 1.6 billion) attracted nearly 110 million tourists from all over the globe in 2004, while also sending off 28.85 million of its own citizens to visit other countries. The inbound tourism alone generated $25.74 billion for China's coffers.

The Philippines with its significant Chinoy population is listed as one of 16 countries, along with the likes of Japan, Korea, the US, Russia, Malaysia and Thailand, that contribute heavily to China's tourist inflow.

Yet the opposite numbers are a shocking contrast: Only 41,000 mainland Chinese visited the Philippines last year—a 31-percent growth in the market compared to 2003, but still paltry by any standard.

This is the dispiriting state of things that the Department of Tourism is tackling head-on by launching a full-throttle campaign in mainland China to lure its citizens to visit Philippine beaches and other tourist spots.

The first salvo of the campaign was the Philippines' recent participation in the joint China International Online Travel Fair and the Guangzhou International Travel Fair held in Guangzhou, the snazzy capital of Guandong province in southern China.

Guangzhou was chosen because, next to Beijing and Shanghai, it has become the biggest source of Chinese tourists to the Philippines. Geographically, it is also nearest to the country, with direct charter flights already operating from Guangzhou to Laoag.

And with an 86-million population—more than that of the entire Philippines—Guandong province alone has the potential to supply the country with its surfeit of tourists.

"If we do it correctly, China alone can give us the 5 million tourists we want yearly, which is our goal by 2010," says new Tourism Secretary Joseph Durano. "The Chinese are an infant market, a very dynamic one. They've been closed off for so long that they're raring to see the world."

Extensive research

Before wading into this market, Durano and his Team China did their homework with extensive research and profiling.

They learned, for example, that most Chinese tourists are a different breed from other world travelers. Because foreign travel is still regulated by the government and tourism remains under quota, many Chinese travelers tend to seek quick, relaxing, no-frills holidays rather than the endless mobility and sightseeing that characterize mass-market tourism.

This "mid-market" is the perfect tourist segment to bring to the Philippines, says Durano.

"Our target market in Guangzhou and the rest of China are the young individual white-collar workers who are more Westernized, with higher consuming power and are working in foreign-invested enterprises. These people are looking for tropical destinations for their holidays, and we have the best beaches nearby. In a survey, 53 percent of Chinese respondents said they want to travel to the Philippines in the near-term."

Unfortunately, the Philippines is playing catch-up to Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand in this high-stakes game. While all Asean nations were granted "Approved Destination Status" by China in 1992, the Philippines is advertising in this market only now.

But all is not lost, if only because the Philippines has strengths of its own, notably its world-class beaches and Western-oriented hospitality services.

"Our beaches are actually perceived as up-market destinations compared to Phuket," says Durano. "So we'd like to place the Philippines above the mass-market clutter like Thailand and bring in quality tourists."

Commercial hub

Guangzhou is perhaps the best vantage point from which to launch the campaign.

The ancient city, once called Canton by British colonists, has become the country's premier trade and commerce hub, a hustle-and-bustle counterpoint to the historical, cultural and political heartland that is Beijing and the cosmopolitan center of high finance that is Shanghai.

As a major world port, Guangzhou is seen as the most culturally open-minded of China's major cities, and its residents more adventurous and freewheeling.

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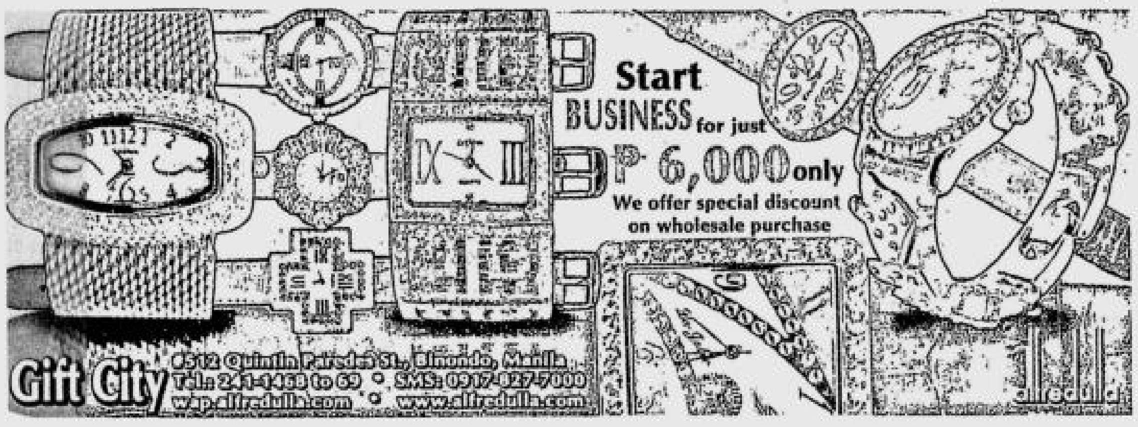

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THE GALAGNARA family enjoys the swimming pool of Tropicana Apartment Hotel.

A getaway at the heart of Manila

Summertime need not mean a stressful trip outside the city just so a family can have time for bonding.

The nine-story Tropicana Apartment Hotel in Malate may be just the place to go without the hassle of long-distance travelling. Tucked in a quiet corner but within walking distance of a mall and Malate's nightlife hub, Tropicana pioneered the serviced-apartment hotel in Manila.

It has 98 spacious apartment units and has its own swimming pool area. Fully furnished one- and two-bedroom units come with a living area and a kitchen. Studio rooms are also available.

Though modest compared to deluxe hotels, the hotel has a fitness center and dry spa, two function rooms, a business center, a gift shop, a restaurant and a travel agency.

Security measures are strictly enforced since many of Tropicana's long-staying guests are expatriates working on foreign-assisted government projects.

Tropicana Apartment Hotel is at 1630 Luis Ma. Guerrero Street, Malate, Manila. Call 5255555, fax 5255577 or e-mail troptel@pacific.net.ph.

US airline now using new Japanese airport

Northwest Airlines has announced that its flights to and from Nagoya are now operating from the new Central Japan International Airport, or Centrair.

The airline, which operates more flights at Nagoya than any other American airline, offers daily service between the airport and four destinations including its World Gateway hub in Detroit, USA; Manila; and Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands.

Northwest also offers service between Nagoya and its Tokyo hub, providing connections to eight destinations in the US including Detroit, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York (JFK), Portland, Oregon; San Francisco and Seattle.

The new Centrair airport's terminal has twice the number of gates of the old airport, allowing all passengers to board and deplane through loading bridges instead of outdoor boarding stairs. Centrair also has more check-in capacity and additional checkpoints with the latest security technology.

Travel time from the new airport to Nagoya is 30-40 minutes. Centrair is accessible via the Tomei and Meishin expressways, the Tokaido Shinkansen bullet train or the Meitetsu rail line, as well as via taxis and airport limousine services.

Northwest offers service to more destinations in Asia, more flights between the US and Japan, and more flights within Asia than any other American airline. Northwest Airlines is a member of SkyTeam, an airline alliance that serves more than 900 cities on six continents.

Church visit

This Visita Iglesia covers visits to seven neighboring churches of Holiday Inn Galleria, namely, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Nuestra Señora de Gracia, Christ the King, Santuario de San Jose, Mary the Queen, Edsa Shrine and Immaculate Conception. Guests are provided free snacks and transfers during the church visit. Extra adult joining the church visit will be charged P500 net while kids at P200 net, inclusive only of snacks and transfers. VIP promo is exclusive for residents of the Philippines and advance guaranteed reservation is required. Call 6337111 local 7400 or 7401, fax 633-2821 or e-mail reservation@holiday-inn.galleria-mla.com

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Abbott employees vow to combat obesity

Abbott Laboratories declare its company "Obesity free". Or not just yet, but very soon.

Following the successful launch of its collaborative effort with the Philippine National Police (PNP) last February 2005 to a three-month campaign of reducing weight, and its recent co-sponsorship with the Philippine Association on the Study of Overweight and Obesity (PASOO) of a Symposium on Obesity, Abbott Laboratories launched another "Reduce Weight, Reduce Risks" program among its employees.

Last March 04, 2005, about 25% of Abbott employees willingly pledged to join a three-month campaign of reducing weight with the aim of reducing risks in their health. The qualified participants marked the day as the start of a three month-long weight loss program consisting of a three-point weight loss and management regimen -- pharmacotherapy, exercise and diet.

"This particular program indicates Abbott's initiative to combat the issue of obesity and being overweight within the walls of the company," says Mr. Nicolo Amora, Direct Product Manager of Abbott Laboratories. "We believe that the best way to put this message across is by making the Abbott workforce a living testament of good health through proper weight loss and management."

The workforce participants were presented during an afternoon program of photo shoots ("Before" picture as reference), an aerobic marathon, low-caloric snack and an educational talk given by Abbott's company physician, Dr. Cynthia Fabregas.

Dr. Cynthia Fabregas highlighted the benefits of reducing weight for overweight and obese people. "Fighting obesity amounts to a decrease in the dangers of diseases associated to it such as diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases," said Dr. Fabregas. "We cannot depend on just one aspect of therapy. Abbott has introduced a method that is holistic, proven safe, doctor-prescribed and effective. This is a three-point regimen - pharmacotherapy, exercise and diet. So, through the Abbott Workforce Reduce Weight Program, Abbott will walk the talk."

Abbott actively promotes wellness among its workforce by supporting the qualified participants with pharmacotherapy, regular doctor consultation and monitoring, and individualized diet plans.

"I joined the program to reinvent myself as a healthier and more productive executive!" declared Mr. Angelo Buboy Felix, a 41-year old Group Product Manager who currently weighs 100 kilos.

Buboy is just one of 40 Abbott Laboratories employees who voiced out their pledge to fight obesity during the Abbott Workforce Reduce Weight Program launch, and willingly took the challenge to reduce weight through the three-month campaign. From the day of the launch, Buboy will be monitored and his successful story will be shared to inspire the millions of Filipinos who want to lose weight and improve their quality of life today.

Abbott Workforce Reduce Weight Program participants declare their pledge to fight obesity.

Abbott marketing director and Reduce Weight Program participant Roberto Tubsada leads Abbott employees towards an obesity-free company.

Cebuanos celebrate with Cagayanons

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

AN OLD man once told my grandfather, who told my father who told me and others, a legend about Cagayan de Oro in northern Mindanao. The name comes from the river that flows through the city reputed to bear gold nuggets of remarkable purity.

During the Spanish era, the legend goes, an old prospector had a mine access to which was known only to him and a trusted servant. In the years between the Philippine independence and the onset of the American regime, the old man and his servant harvested sackfuls of gold.

Then they sealed the cave, and carted the gold to the Mindanao hinterlands. They were never seen again, and the gold mine was never found. But Cagayan de Oro continued to flourish and, for more than 150 years, traded profitably with Cebu and other ports.

Many of the city's families have houses in Cebu, and the most prominent are inter-related with Cebu's oldest clans. Several of them traveled back and forth the whole month of February for the many events held in Cagayan de Oro.

Golden jubilee

The city was in a festive mood as Liceo de Cagayan University marked the 50th year since **Don Rodolfo Pelaez** and his wife, **Doña Elsa Pelaez de Pelaez**, set up a much-needed school for a fast growing population. Now a university, its current president is their only daughter, Dr. **Rafaelita "Oche" Pelaez Golez.**

Regal as ever, Rafaelita presided over the various golden jubilee events, highlighted by the inauguration of the Rodelsa Hall, dedicated to the memory of her parents. It has a state-of-the-art cultural center that can seat 700 and has perfect acoustics, thanks to a team of experts.

At all times, Oche was accompanied by her two sons. The elder, **Rudolf** (Dingru to friends), is an accomplished pianist who has won in international competitions. The younger, **Alain** (a thespian of the first water, as revealed in this festivity), was with his pretty wife **Tanya** and their little girl, **Graciella.** *"Muy graciosa,"* says doting Oche.

Cutting the ribbon to open formally Rodelsa Hall were **Nes Jardin**, president of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and **Ingrid Sala Santamaria**, a legend in her own time. She's not just one of the country's leading concert pianists but she has gifted Cebu with the Peace Philharmonic of the Philippines (PPP).

After the blessing, everyone climbed the twin marble staircases leading to the auditorium. Rafaelita wanted the first event in the auditorium to be a solemn Mass officiated by her cousin, Msgr. **Rodolfo Roa**, and Msgr. **Eutiquiano Legitimas.**

Dingru Golez performed with Msgr. **Rudy Villanueva** at his side. The university chorale sang excerpts from the award-winning Mass by **Ryan Cayabyab.** In his homily Monsignor Roa praised the Pelaez couple as founders of the school.

Divine will

"Education is the best apostolate one can be involved in," he stressed. Oche later explained her parents' choice of school motto—*Nil Sine Numine.* "It means nothing can be done without the divine will," she said. She admitted that whenever she thought of it a rush of memories came flooding in.

The service aptly concluded with Handel's "Alleluia from The Messiah." Everyone tried to get the First Day Issue of a commemorative stamp released by the Bureau of Posts.

A procession went down a marble hall for the unveiling of twin statues of Don Rodolfo and Doña Elsa done by National Artist **Napoleon Abueva.**

"It's them!" exclaimed Doña Elsa's sister, **Charito Pelaez Balanag**, who came from California for the occasion. "Remarkable," said her brother **Raul Pelaez**, who came with his wife Ofelia.

The cocktails that followed were served by the Pryce Hotel and enlivened by classical music from the PPP String Quartet composed of **Joseph Balo, Adrian Beltran, Gerry Varona** and **Aris Solares.**

Near impossible

It would be next to impossible to enumerate all the VIPs present, but we can mention a few of those who flew or sailed to Cagayan de Oro for this milestone.

They included Oche's cousins **Julius** and **Nelia Neri, Fruto** and **Bess Teodorico, Ben** and **Tina Ebrada, Fe Sala Villarica, Vivina Yrastorza, Alice** and **Dodo Plaza, Julie Escaño Dayrit, Consuelo Aberasturi, Bayani** and **Amy Loste, Albert Garbanzos, Mariano** and **Letty Lerin**, with daughter **Mayet Pastrano** and daughter-in-law **Kristin Aldana Lerin.**

NAPOLEON Abueva's sculptures of Don Rodolfo and Doña Elsa Pelaez are unveiled in Cagayan de Oro by their descendants Alain Golez, Graciella and Rafelita Pelaez Golez.

The next evening, an elegant crowd gathered at the Rodelsa Hall once more, this time for the all-Lizst piano recital by Rudolf Golez. It was superbly annotated by his witty mentor, **Russell Brandon.**

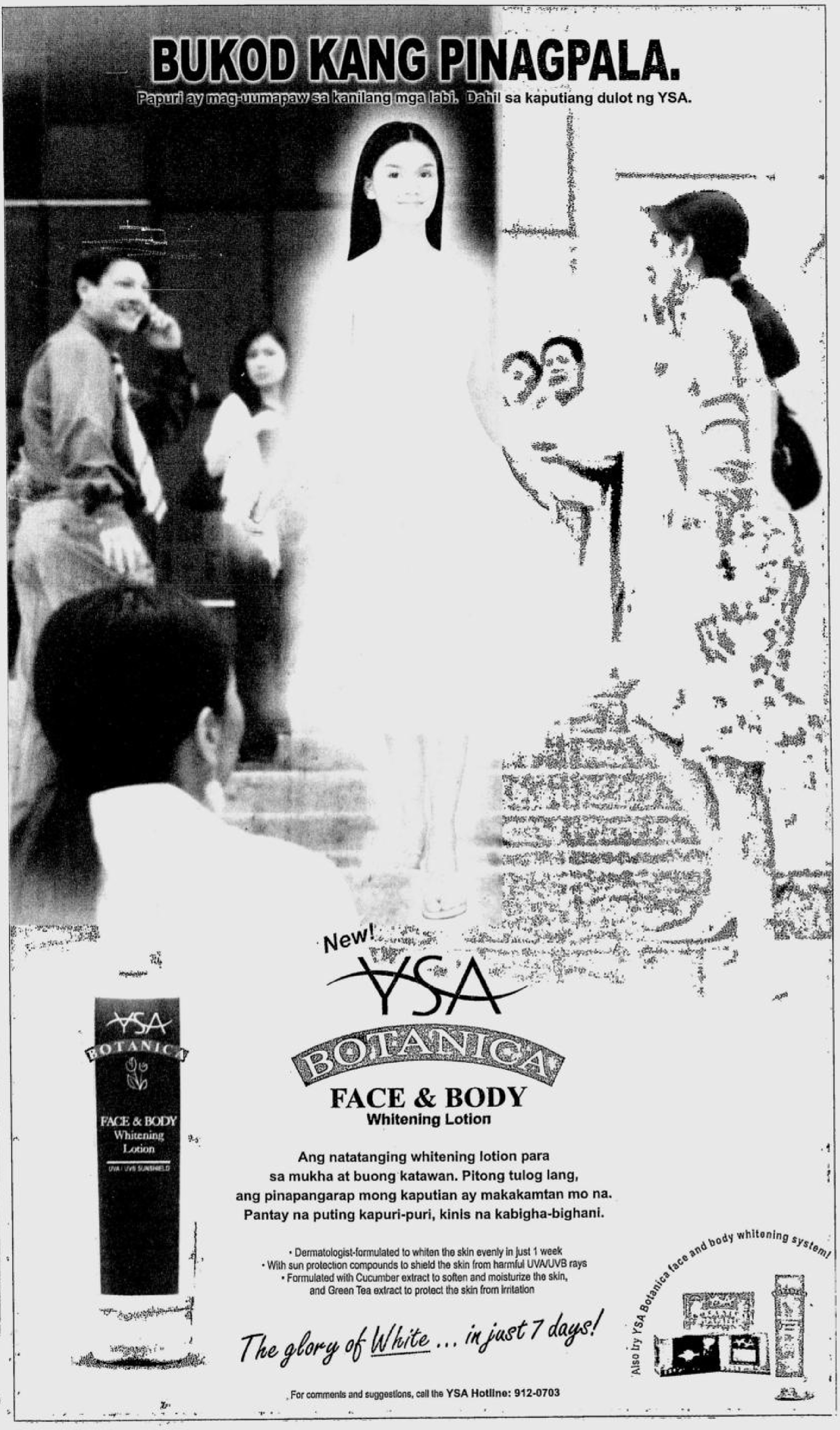
The recital showcased Lizst's various facets: as a nationalist— "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6"; as painter—"Forest Murmurs" and "Dance of the Gnomes"; as spiritual person—"St. Francis de Paul Walking on Waters"; as dreamer "Dream of Love No. 3"; as literary genius—"Mefisto Waltz"; and as a philosopher—"Sonata in B minor."

The audience's enthusiastic applause merited two encores. But where was Rafaelita? She had slipped out of her seat shortly after the recital began. She was all smiles as she returned from the last tier, saying, "I've been up there, wanting to find out for myself. The acoustics are perfect; even in the last row I could hear every note Dingru played."

AFTER AN ALL-LIZST recital—Russell Brandon with Ballet Center-Cebu's Fe Sala Villarica, pianist Dingru Golez, and Cebu Arts Council vice president Vivina Yrastorza

A week later there were record crowds at Rodelsa Hall for the spectacular and opulent production of "The King and I," directed by **Benjie Diola**, and starring Alain Golez as the King of Siam. "Unprecedented," gushed Rafaelita, "a stunning discovery. I'm so proud of my two sons!"

RUDOLF Golez (seated) with his mom Rafaelita, Tanya and Alain Golez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Husband's love child competes for his attention

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

I am 41, a professional like my husband of 14 years. We have two boys, aged 14 and 11, and a 3-year-old girl. My world turned upside down four months ago when the 17-year-old love child of my husband contacted him.

I had known of her existence all along and I thought I was prepared for her. The girl's mother who is in Japan, is separated from her Japanese husband with whom she had two boys. The boys and my husband's daughter live in the Visayas with their grandparents.

I met my husband while the girl's mother was pregnant with her. My husband never married her. Mother and daughter disappeared after the baby was born.

The daughter contacted my husband before her 18th birthday, as I guessed she would, and I was honestly happy when it happened. I had told my boys of her existence so it wasn't difficult.

I opened my heart to this girl, and she sent me a text message saying, "I wish you were my mother."

My only request to my husband was not to let us, his present family, feel shunted aside when his daughter came. What broke my heart was he did exactly that. They sent text messages to each other all the time, went to the mall, to church, everywhere. He even had a big party for her 18th birthday. My kids and I were not asked to join them.

Now, she is planning to study in Manila and spend weekends with my husband. Her presence in our lives has been very disruptive. My husband talks to her all the time and they are constantly communicating by text and e-mail.

I am jealous because he has not kept his promise not to keep us on the sideline. I am so tortured that I have already sought counseling.

BEC

Why are you are acting as though your husband is having a passionate love affair? Why are you hurting so much? Are you sure it is not the mother of the girl you are jealous of?

It's not like the daughter came into your lives to snatch away her father. She just wants a portion of what was deprived of her. He feels guilty he wasn't there while she was growing up, and he is excited that, after all these years of no communication, she doesn't seem to harbor any ill-will toward him.

Let him be a father to her for a while. Let them enjoy each other's company. Let them sate each other's hunger for that lost bond, and make up for all those empty years without each other.

Just you wait till the excitement subsides and he becomes a real father—asking who her friends are, where she is going, how late she'll be out, how much she's spending—etc. etc.

Let's see how mushy they will continue to be... how long before his temper rises and her fangs appear.

Show them both how generous and loving you can be. Your husband will appreciate you more if you act positively and are not confrontational.

Remember that if your husband married the girl's mother, you wouldn't be having these problems. You wouldn't have had him, to say the least! Open your mind more. And while you're at it—grow up!

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms. Marcelo co-host the program Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on dwBR 104.3 FM.

HOTSHOTS Flame-Grilled Burgers

PLAINS & Prints

Promising Filipino franchises

THE PHILIPPINE Franchise Association (PFA) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) announced this year's Most Promising Filipino Franchises of the Year at the recent Franchise Excellence Awards (FEA) 2004 night, held at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La.

The Coffee Experience and Hotshots Flame-Grilled Burgers won in the bar café and restaurant subcategories, respectively, while Plains & Prints and Fix Bench Salon won in the retail and service categories, respectively.

A joint project of the PFA and DTI, FEA is regarded as the most prestigious award in the franchise industry, a recognition of excellence given to franchisors who epitomize success both in terms of business growth and ethical practices.

It is being supported by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) and the Philippine Retailers Association (PRA).

The Most Promising Filipino Franchise of the Year award is given to homegrown Filipino franchises with a minimum of three years in operations and two years in franchising based on its franchise program, sales and marketing, operations, reputation and corporate social responsibility.

The Coffee Experience

Established in February 1993, The Coffee Experience (TCE) is the pioneer in the retail of espresso beverages in the Philippines. It takes pride in using only freshly roasted premium Philippine coffee for traditional and signature concoctions. Backed by 12 years of coffee experience, the TCE franchise package includes pre-operational and operational support covering site evaluation, training, construction, state of the art equipment, initial inventory, advertising and promotions.

Hotshots Flame-Grilled Burgers

The first Hotshots outlet lighted its grill in December 1999 at Pearl Drive and Amethyst Avenue right across UA&P in Pasig. Now, Hotshots has seven more stores in the Metro, one store in Baguio City (its first provincial store) and one in Jakarta, Indonesia (its first international store).

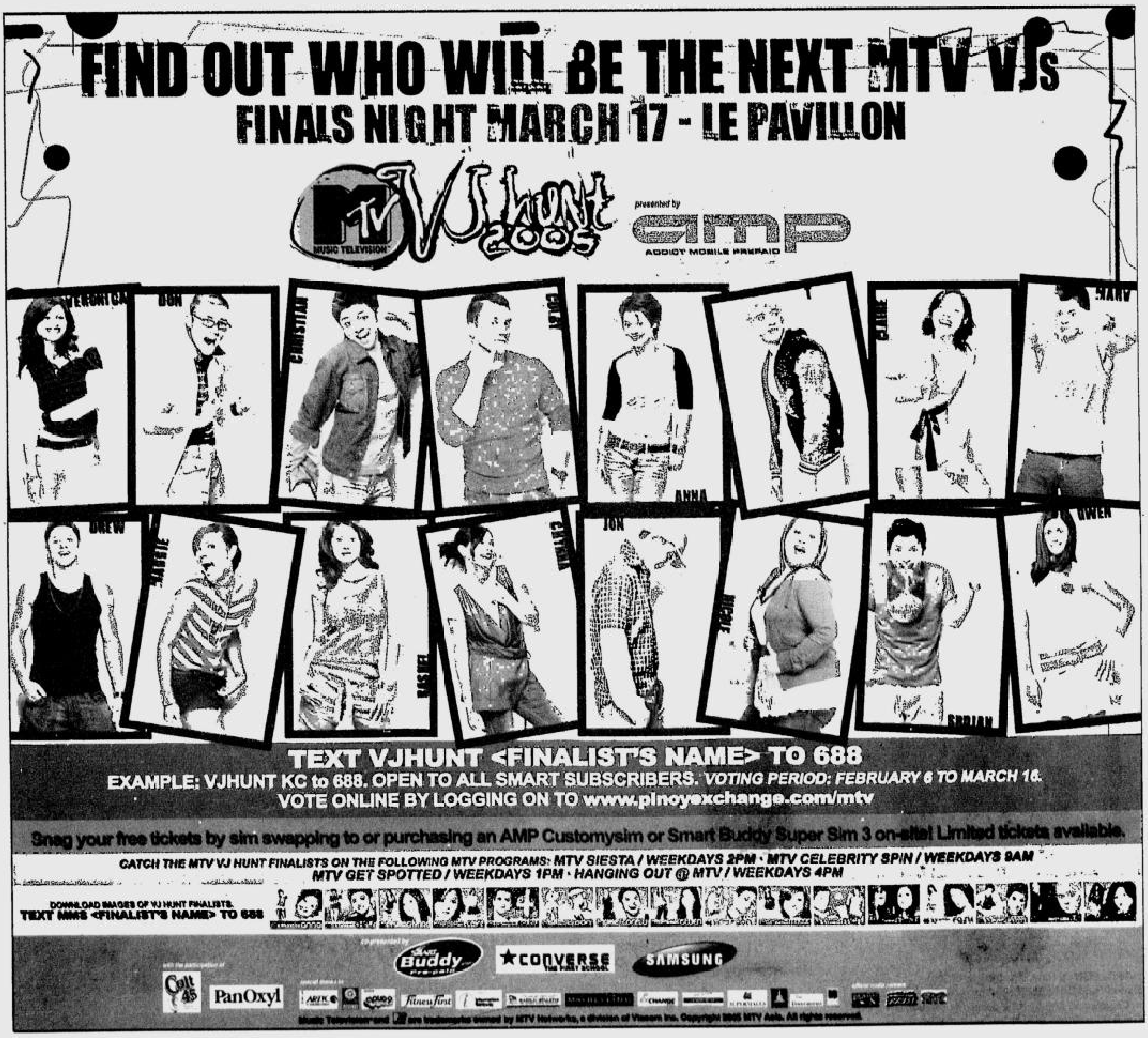
Plains & Prints

Plains & Prints is the handiwork of the husband-and-wife team of Erickson and Roxanne Farillas. Roxanne's passion for fabrics and design combined with Erickson's skills in finance and operations led to the opening of the first Plains & Prints outlet in Greenhills in 1994. In 2001, the first Plains & Prints franchised outlet opened in Nueva Ecija.

Plains & Prints currently has 18 company-owned and 10 franchised stores selling high-quality, affordable women's apparel, underwear, fragrances, and other accessories that fit the needs and lifestyle of Filipino women.

Fix Bench Salon

Fix Bench Salon is a trendy salon established to cater to modern hair styling and Asian glamour. Its purpose is to provide quality salon services at very reasonable prices. With 12 company-owned branches and six franchises, Fix Bench Salon is carving a big name in the salon industry with its mantra of quality service and excellent customer satisfaction.



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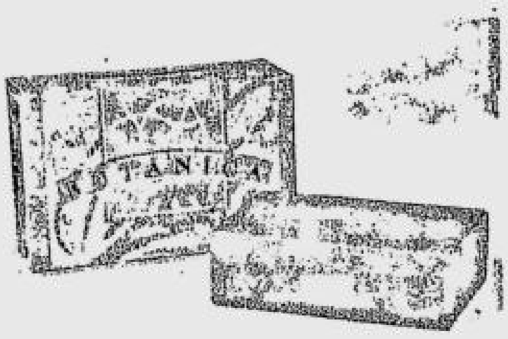

Ysa Botanica launches first and only face and body whitening lotion in the market

Ysa Botanica, the dermatologist-formulated skincare line once more races ahead of its competition with its introduction of the first ever face and body skin whitening lotion. "Our latest product is welcome addition to the market not only because of its effectiveness, but since it whitens both the face and the body, it also promises to be easier on the budget," says Ysa Botanica Face and "Body Whitening Lotion brand manager, Karen Raymundo.

Ysa is the only face and body whitening lotion that can whiten the skin in just one week. "Seven days is really all it takes to have noticeably fairer skin," says Raymundo. "Ysa Botanica face and body lotion's secret lies in its fast-acting ingredients which help regulate melanin skin pigmentation." Melanin is the dark biological pigment which makes the skin dark.

Apart from its whitening properties, Ysa Botanica Face and Body Whitening Lotion also moisturizes and softens skin while its green tea extract protects the skin against irritation, "And unlike other whitening lotions," she says, "Ysa Botanica Face and Body Whitening Lotion has UVA/UVB sun protection compounds so users can still go about their normal daily activity without fear of any adverse effect on their skin or on the whitening process."

One of the more trusted brands in the market, Ysa Botanica is a brainchild of eminent dermatologist, Dr. Isabel Lopez-Nazal. Raymundo adds that Dr. Nazal's expertise and her experience in developing skin and beauty products designed for Asian skin, ensures that this latest offering will be as effective as all the other Ysa Botanica products. "At only 78 pesos per 125ml. bottle, Ysa Botanica is also more cost-effective than other brands, both local and imported."

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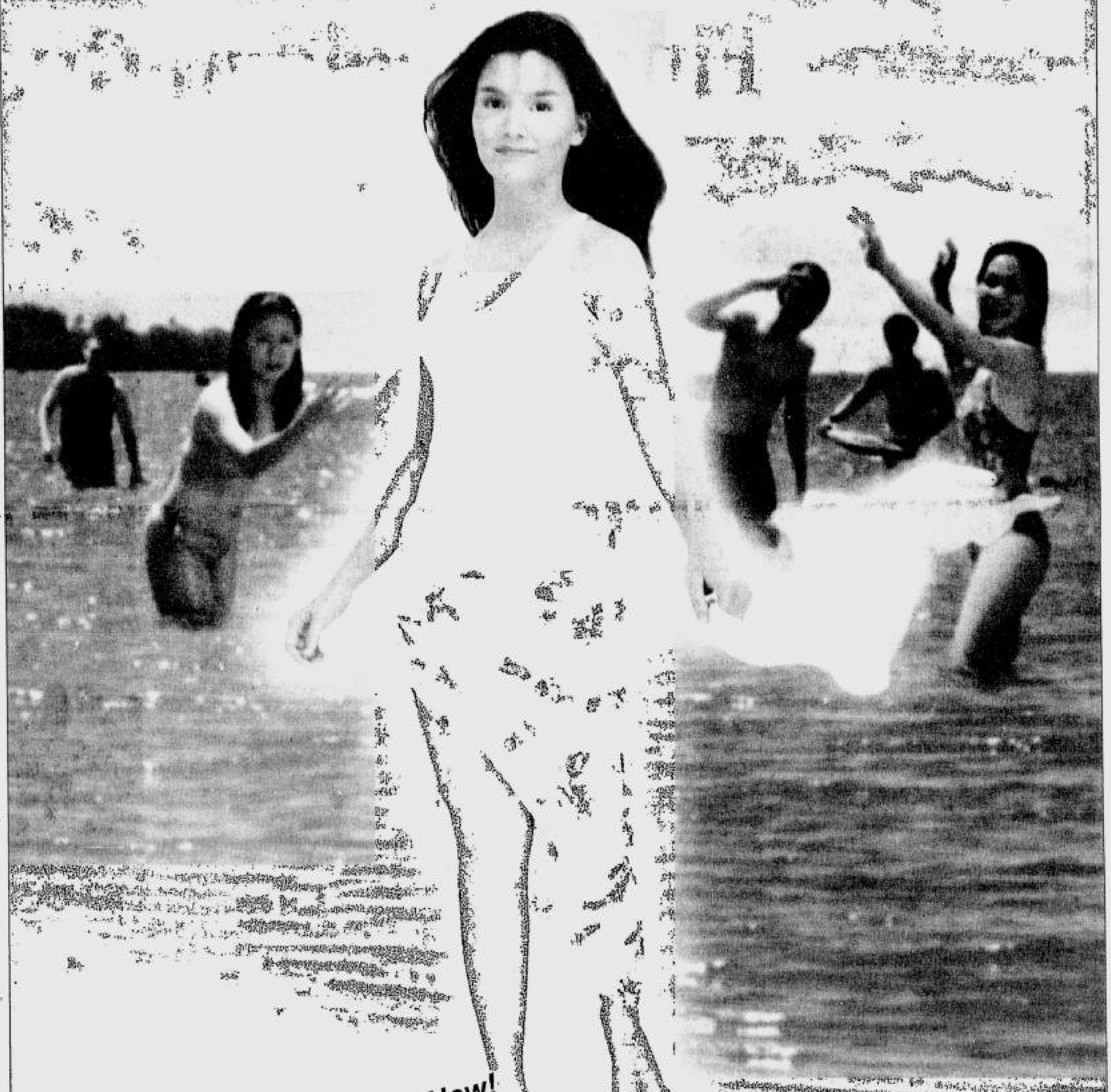

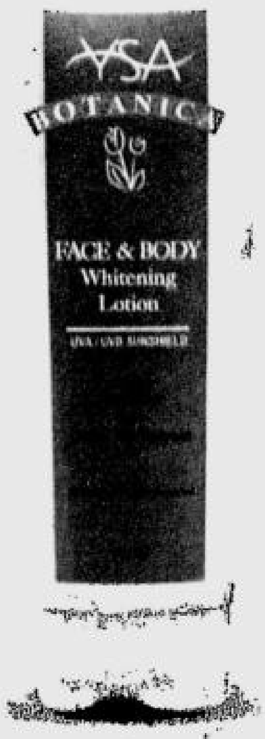

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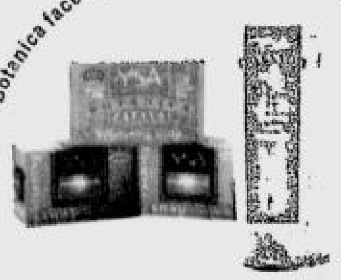

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LARGE crowd (above) gathers before the Philippine booth (right), which won the Best Booth award at the Guangzhou International Travel Fair.

WOW PHILIPPINES

CHINESE-LANGUAGE brochure advertising Philippine attractions

Finding gold in Guangzhou

TOURISM Secretary Joseph Durano being interviewed by Chinese media, with Beijing Tourism Attaché Jazmin Esguerra assisting

From page G1

The Chinese observe three big holidays: the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival in February, Labor Day on May 1 and the National Day holidays in October.

A $2-million charm offensive has been earmarked by the DOT for these holidays, with Chinese-language TV commercials that will run in top-rated programs in Guangzhou and other points of China, as well as brochures and flyers that sell the country's top destinations like Bohol, Boracay, Cebu, Ilocos, Subic, Baguio and Palawan.

"Wow Philippines" remains the rallying cry, as "wow" turned out to have positive connotations in Chinese, as an expression of pleasant surprise.

On the homefront, the department is increasing the number of Mandarin-speaking tour guides to assist Chinese tourists at airports. It has also cut the visa processing from 10 days to two days, and the fees from $35 to $25, with groups of 30 people and up enjoying another markdown at $15.

Durano is keeping his fingers crossed that the mothballed Naia 3 will finally open in June to help declog the old international airport.

Warm response

If the response to the Philippine presence at the Guangzhou fair was any indication, there is reason for Durano and his lean but hardworking team to keep their hopes up.

The country's booth—a spare, streamlined affair in blue and white—was among the most popular in a giant fair that featured nearly all major destinations in the world, from Egypt's Luxor to the soon-to-open Hong Kong Disneyland.

In three days, hundreds of Chinese queued up before the booth, and participat-

FINDING/ G7

BAYANIHAN Dance Company thrills Chinese audiences with a suite of Filipino folk dances, even getting some of them to learn the *tinikling* (above).

HUANSHIDONG Road in central Guangzhou, where most of the city's top hotels and commercial areas are located

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ACROSS
1 So-so
10 Inc., in England
13 Holyfield hit
16 Suffix with violin
19 Female horse kept for mating
20 Hall of VI
21 Indianapolis sports arena
23 Clergyman Mather does something perplexing?
25 Fez-wearing fraternity member
26 Rooftop antenna
27 Pastes
29 Sends by modem
30 "— for the poor!"
31 Hit a golf ball high in the air, right into the hole?
33 Egyptian goddess
34 Canaanite god
37 Prose piece
38 Gallery-funding org.
39 Little louse
40 Conversation
42 Dueling sword
44 Open-house gp.
46 Tinkerbell acts the fink?
50 Coat a wall anew
53 Some pointed arches
54 Contract adverb
57 Beverly Cleary's "pest"
58 Optimist's hue
59 Blvds.
62 Of body parts
64 Slap cuffs on
65 Hula dancer's movements?
69 With 7-Down, "Open, sesame!" sayer
72 Da Vinci masterwork
73 "Peg — Heart"
74 Had life
78 Playwright Ibsen
80 Mild
82 Top — (instant noodle brand)
83 Strictly self-denying
85 Debris after a prospecting accident?
89 Koppel of "Nightline"
90 DEA worker
93 Hot-weather headgear
94 — -pah-pah band
95 Snooze
97 Hostess snacks
100 Frigid
101 Aussie greeting
102 Booze kept in the refrigerator?
106 Placed, as a bet
107 Ear inflammation
108 Italian resort isle
109 "Scarface"
112 Uprisings
114 Horse's back?
118 Nail files
119 Pt. of E.T.A.
120 More like a whisper
121 Pack animal
122 Pepe Le —
123 Casual top
124 Hallucinated

DOWN
1 Leno's network
2 Gold, in Granada
3 Full amounts
4 Tribal symbols
5 Aromas
6 Former science magazine
7 See 69-Across
8 Asia's — Sea
9 Dict. offering
10 Actress Langtry
11 Traffic jams
12 Pathology study
13 High-sch. class
14 Pined (for)
15 Guy mixing drinks
16 Process of becoming charged
17 Reek
18 Not wordy
22 Valium, generically
24 "I" preceders
28 Purse part
30 Pungent Italian cheese
31 Fabric
32 Salon specialist
33 Soon to experience
34 Smidgen
35 Motorists' gp.
36 Aviation stat
40 Prefix with functional
41 Gathering gradually
43 Hauntingly
45 The "I" of "The King and I"
47 Coral deposit
48 Guevara a.k.a. "Che"
49 Strong shore embankments
51 Tempo
52 Bistro bill
55 "Lord, is —?"
56 Canceled, slangily
59 "— in the Boy's Room" (1974 hit)
60 Pewter part
61 Obstacle
63 "Gigi" studio
66 Radiate
67 Dot on a French map
68 Mop
69 Solver's cry
70 "— we forget"
71 Sales rebates, e.g.
75 Given concrete form through
76 Add more ammo to
77 Rival
79 One editing
81 Draw forth
82 Dull routine
84 Lyricist Sammy
86 Rock producer Brian
87 Sabres' org.
88 "Totally cool!"
91 College mil. group
92 Watch-it-grow novelty gift
96 Novelist Roth
98 Go up against
99 Pixie
101 Indira or Rajiv
102 Seoul site
103 Agenda entries
104 Perfumer Lauder
105 China's — Yutang
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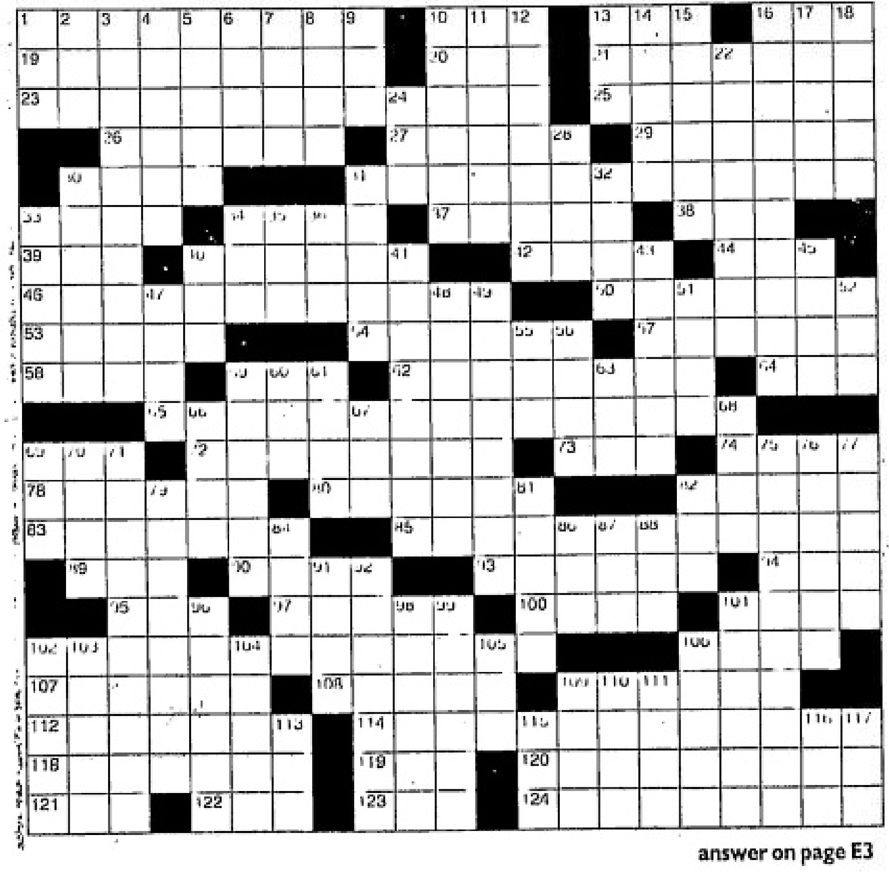

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SHANG Xia Jiu Street and Beijing Road—Guangzhou's Divisoria and Greenhills, respectively. Because the city is a manufacturing hub, prices of goods, especially garments, shoes, jewelry and leather accessories, are very affordable.

YOUNG Guangzhou residents are typically employed, well-educated, flush with money and raring to visit places on no-frills but relaxing holidays—in short, the perfect tourists to have.

Finding...

From page G6

ing Philippine tour operators spent all hours entertaining queries, keeping hired interpreters busy. The country's top two travel agencies, Baron Travel and Rajah Tours—big competitors at home—put up a united front for the fair.

Meanwhile, the heroic Bayanihan Dance Company did the lion's share of luring the crowds in with a periodic suite of colorful Filipino folk dances performed before fascinated, enthusiastic audiences.

Heroic, because in Guangzhou's winter temperature, amid a riot of pelts, parkas, scarves, boots, coats and jackets, the dancers twirled away in flimsy Igorot or *baro't saya* costumes—all for Philippine pride.

The last day brought the most encouraging hint that the campaign was on to something. The Philippine corner won the fair's Best Booth award—for theme, design and ability to attract crowds, among other criteria.

If that luck holds, Filipino hoteliers, restaurateurs, travel agents and resort owners may soon be saying "*Ni hao ma*" (How are you?) and "*Xie xie*" (Thank you) more often.

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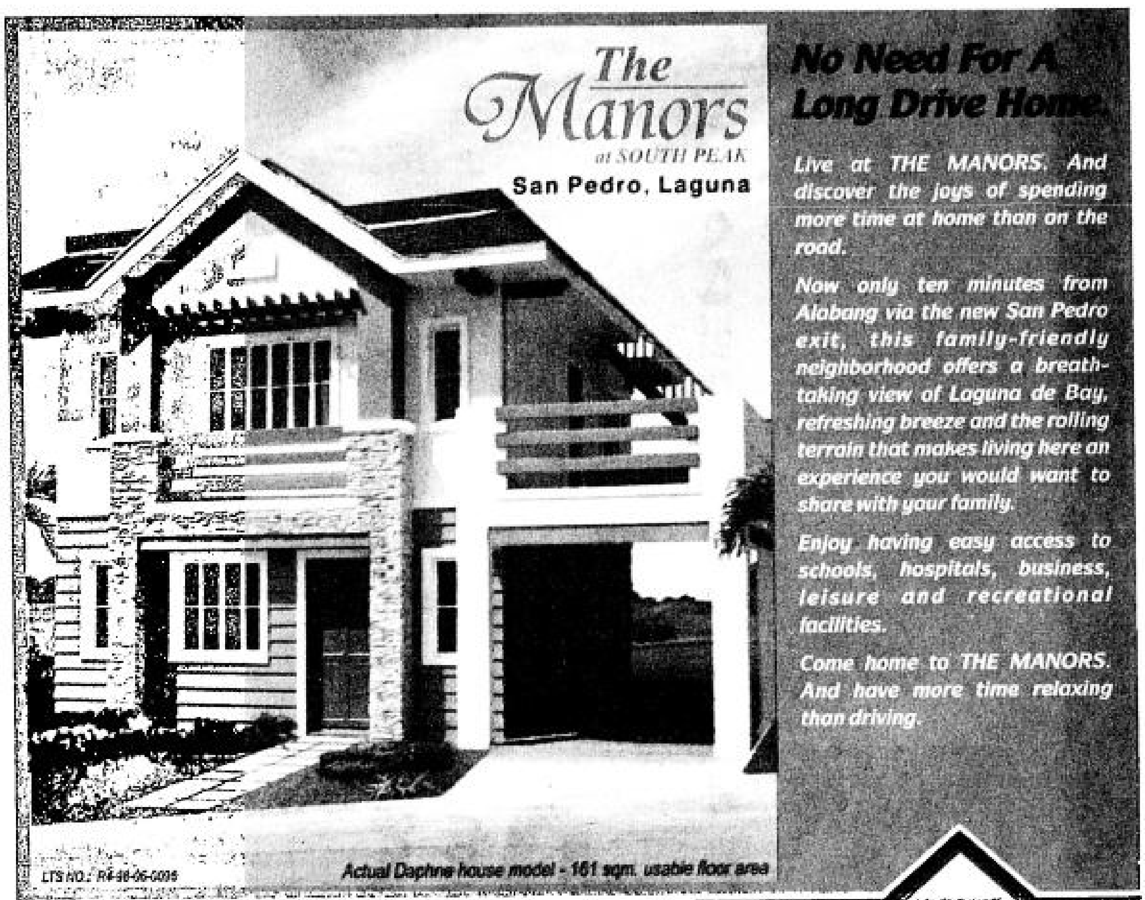

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The detective in you leads you to check some nearby bushes and beneath some rocks. Then you bend down to look under a car parked near where Jerson's body laid. It doesn't take long before you find the cell phone nestled under the car.

You pluck it out, straighten up, and head to your own car parked meters away. Your instinct tells you that you hold in your hand what can be an important key to solving the mystery surrounding Jerson's death. Making sure no one else is near, you look into the phone book and recognize some of the pictures stored in it.

Then you navigate through the disturbing images of the Purple Pear party saved in your own phone and yet again reconstruct in your head the unsettling events you saw and the heated conversations you sensed.

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You realize any of them could have easily slipped out of the Purple Pear and committed the crime.

As you insert your key into the ignition and start your engine, you briefly scan the Purple Pear parking lot for the last time. You tell yourself that although you've identified six possible suspects, you ought to find out: Who among them had the most compelling motive to kill Jerson?

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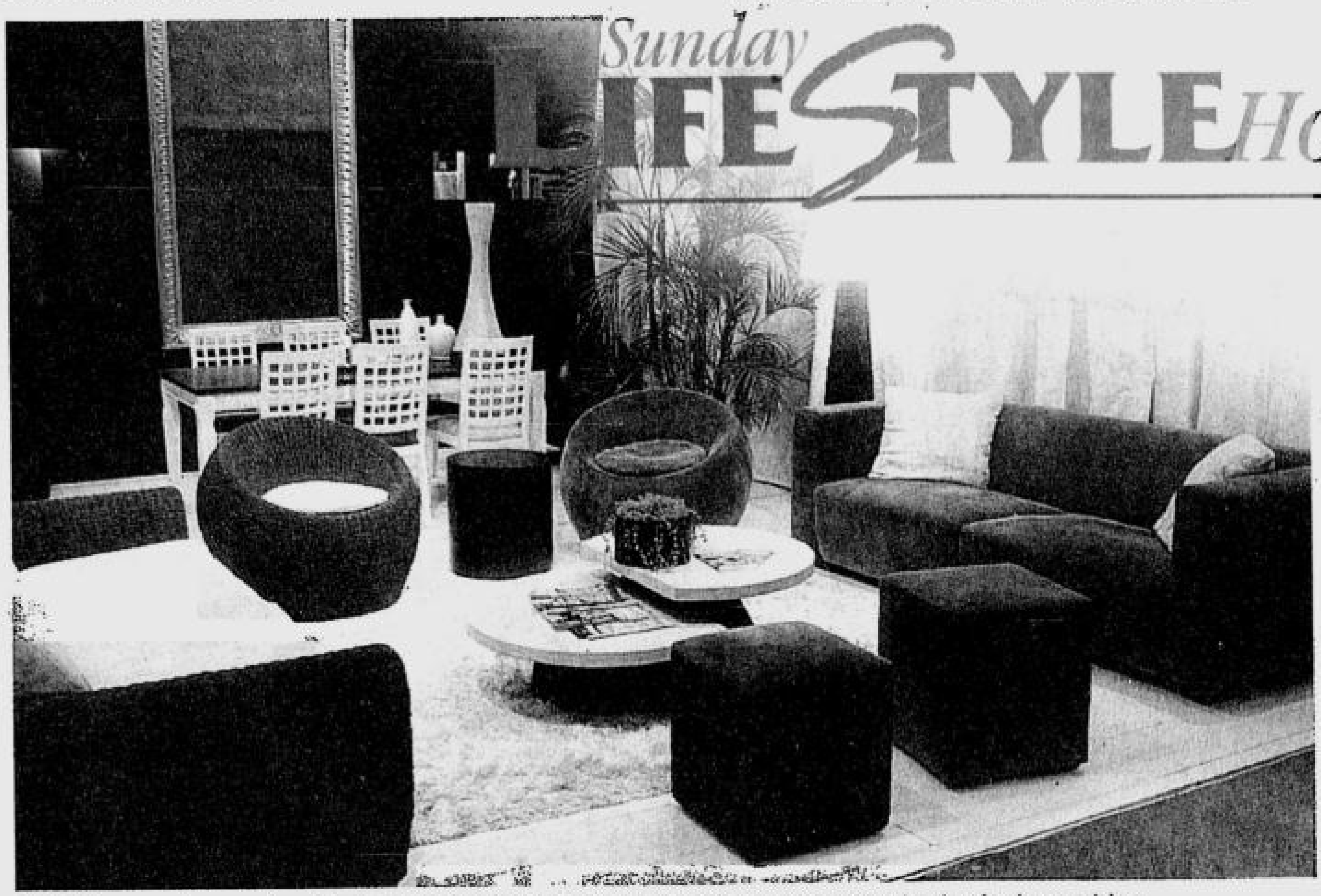

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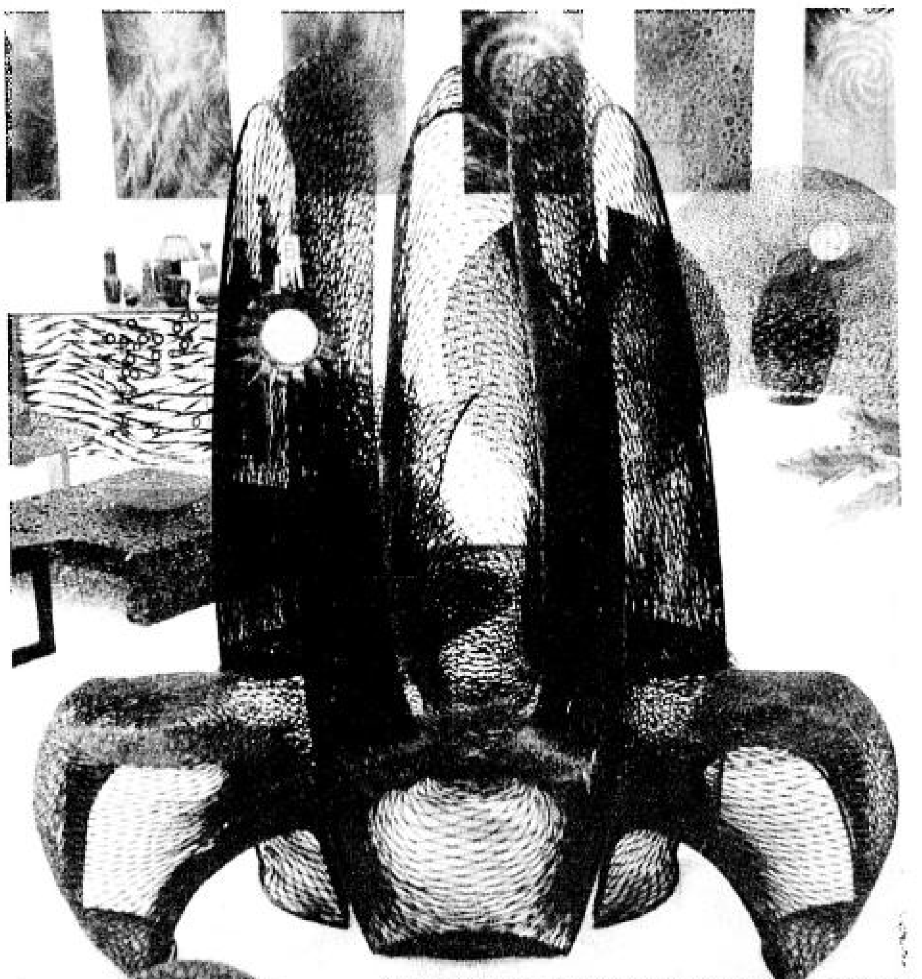

WEB-LIKE maze of chairs fashioned from wire metal by designers from Gilded Expression are ideal examples of modern scuplтural pieces.

Pinoy wellness furniture a big hit

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

NEARLY a decade after it became a lifestyle vogue, cocooning has remained very much a part of people's lives today. This time, however, purveyors of furniture and home accessories call it by a different name: "lifestyle of wellness."

"It's just an evolution or change in name," says lifestyle designer PJ Arañador. "Because of the unparalleled degree of stress we're bombarded with every day, people are still very much in search of ideal ways to achieve wellness and well-being."

As the chief consultant and exhibit curator of the recently concluded Philippine International Furniture Show at the World Trade Center in Pasay City, Arañador, head of a design studio that carries his name, was responsible for coming up with an overall theme for this year's fair participated in by almost 130 local furniture manufacturers and almost a thousand foreign buyers. Most of the manufacturers are members of the Chamber of Furniture Industries of the Philippines.

On top of the exhibitors' displays, which were complete lifestyle showcases in themselves, the show featured several spa-like pavilions outside the main hall. The setup presented various furniture and accent pieces Arañador himself chose to underline this year's theme.

Don't be surprised if you see more and more chairs and sofas that are wider with deeper backrests, wider armrests and seats that are closer to the ground. These are just but some of the preferred features of today's homeowners as they cope with news of war and calamities, both on a personal and global level.

Growing market

Not only is there a growing number of people these days with bigger disposable incomes, people are also living longer, healthier and more active lives. Not a few of the world's furniture manufacturers and designers are falling all over themselves to capture a considerable chunk of this lucrative and growing market.

"People are discovering that there are other ways to keep fit and stay active beyond the gym," says Arañador. "The key words to live by are harmony, balance and humility. This discovery has led them to seek new ways to attain better yet simpler lifestyles."

Unlike in yesteryears, however, there are no specific and dominant trends these days for the simple reason that one's idea of wellness varies from person to person. Even so, Arañador enumerates a number of general guidelines you may find useful the next time you pay your favorite furniture store a visit.

As far as colors go, he says, various shades of green, blue and earth will be pretty big if we're to go by the forecast made by such foreign retail giants as Crate and Barrel and Conran.

Celadon and "airy" blues are in line with the move toward wellness, says Arañador, as are earth tones—from gray to beige, brown to copper. Strong as well as dark colors will always be around, but this time to a lesser degree. He sees such high-impact shades as gold losing their shine in the seasons to come.

"There will be no dominant materials as well," he adds. "But no matter what kind of materials people prefer, whether it's wood, metal or mixed media, they should expect clean pieces that are nevertheless more textured and tactile."

Cleaner, calmer

The cleaner, leaner and unblemished look has a calming quality to it that a growing number of people gravitate to. Some pieces may be a bit bulky, but most come with interlocking or collapsible components designed for a "nomadic" lifestyle. This should be welcome news to condo dwellers.

Newlyweds and singles who just flew the coop should keep in mind Arañador's succinct yet sound reminder when buying items for the home: the match is not always the mix. Not a few Filipinos who are suckers for the hotel or department store look should pay attention.

"One of the worse things you could do is buy a full set (*terno*) of furniture pieces," he says. "Why do this when you can achieve contrast and texture by throwing various pieces of furniture into the mix? Let them enhance the beauty of each other."

Oddly enough, despite news of bombings in the Philippines and negative travel advisories from their governments, foreign buyers didn't seem fazed. Randy Viray, president of Vienna Furniture and chair of this year's show, attributes such a fairly successful turnout to the chamber's intensified mailing campaign and promotions.

"In fact, not a few of them were oblivious to the bombings," he adds. "Some reasoned that such unfortunate events could happen anywhere, anytime."

Then there's the legendary Filipino creativity. Not only have Filipinos gotten more creative than their regional competitors, they've also shown a greater flexibility to meet smaller, more specialized and varied demands. Eat your heart out, China!

"The market is changing," Viray explains. "Wholesalers abroad are now finding themselves competing with retailers and even end users. Because of the recent explosion in information, retailers now know where to go and not a few of them go directly to us." It seems buyers both big and small are willing to do anything these days to experience a piece of wellness.

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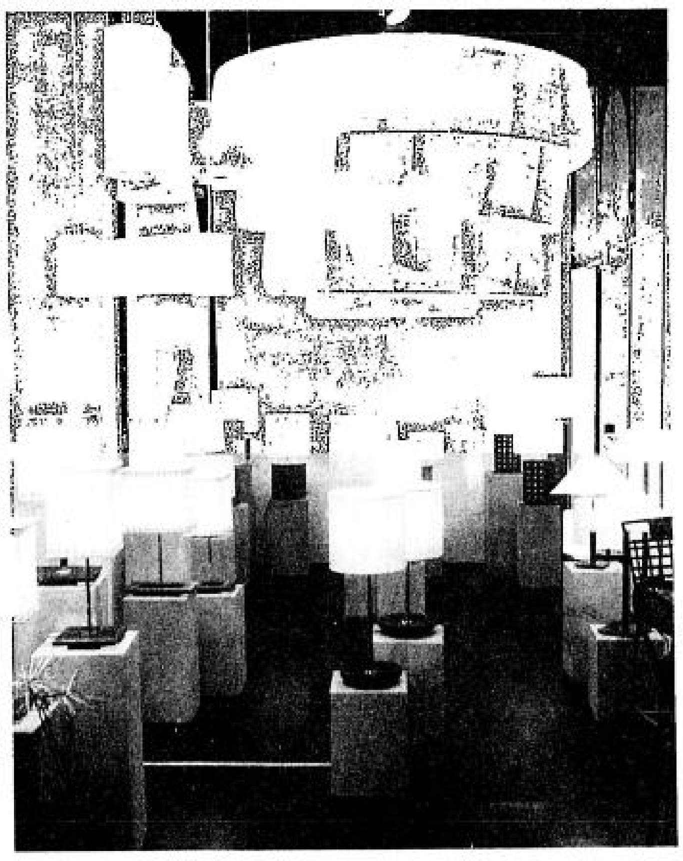
Despite bombings and negative travel advisories, foreign buyers flock to a Manila fair to check out new designs



ASIDE from being attractive, Anzcor's foldable lamps (an example of which hangs from the ceiling) have become best sellers abroad because they're easier to ship than traditional lamps with rigid backing.

DESIGNERS at Golden Cane combine *arurog* and split rattan for these low, boxy pieces for the receiving area.

Guardians of the Visayan Sea

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

VISAYAN Sea Squadron. Sounds like a movie, doesn't it?

Well, it's better than a movie. It's a real sea-going team with several missions, including the arrest of violators of fishing laws and regulations in the Visayan Sea, all under the heading of "Protect, Conserve and Restore the rich resources of the Visayan Sea."

Squadron members describe their work as a "no-nonsense law enforcement campaign to keep the Visayan Sea safe from illegal and abusive fishers." Initiated by concerned professionals wanting to do something concrete about the problem in this important sea lane, the VSS membership counts the likes of environmental lawyer Antonio Oposa Jr., former Rep. Alfredo Maranan, architects, teachers, fish wardens, barangay officials, Philippine Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Philippine National Police and Maritime Police.

To further bolster VSS' effectiveness, the assistance of Bantay-Dagat operatives of participating local government units (LGUs) is being sought. This is expected to make the squadron a unified education and para-military team.

On land and sea

So, while the squadron patrols the Visayan Sea, making sure there is no untoward activity particularly in known hot spots, the land-bound workforce, like volunteer teachers and enforcement operatives from Bantayan Island (off Cebu), Negros Occidental and Iloilo, undertake educational activities like audio-visual presentations for the youth and fisherfolk to encourage them to act.

Fisherfolk are constantly reminded to set aside 15 percent of their coastal waters for a marine sanctuary to assure sustainability. Other important cogs in the VSS network are the divers who are assigned to do rapid surveys of marine resources and to report their findings to the LGUs concerned.

Lawyers are responsible for the drafting and preparation of resolutions and ordinances for proper procedural action. The fisherfolk are assisted in developing sustainable alternative livelihoods.

The VSS' reliance on coast guard and navy boats to guard its assigned periphery brings to mind how Greenpeace, the international environmental organization, uses its own boat in pursuing illegal fishers and those engaged in other forms of destruction in the sea.

Ingenuity at work

The VSS may have to wait for the time when it can have its own boat for maximum performance, but what it already has working for it is Filipino ingenuity and determination. Considering these plus factors, its vision for the future may not be so hard to attain.

To find out what brought on the idea of a Visayan Sea Squadron, it must be recalled that in April 2004, one of the first apprehensions of illegal fishermen caught in the act, was made by Oposa, chair of the IBP-NEAT (Integrated Bar of the Philippines-National Environmental Action Team), and his group of lawyers, with Navy and Coast Guard personnel.

The arrest took place on Bantayan Island, Cebu. The alien poachers were apprehended and sent to jail. This apparently set things in motion for the organization of the VSS. The incident must have made the planners realize that apprehensions were the most effective ways of clearing Philippine waters of illegal fishers-both foreigners and locals.

Global biodiversity center

Behind the environmental activism that fires up the VSS is a basic love of country and the serious desire to conserve its endangered biodiversity. A bit of Philippine eco-geographical history put out by VSS planners explains it all: "The Philippines is a global center of marine biodiversity. It is part of the Sulu-Sulawesi Triangle, the coral triangle that spans Batangas in the north, down to Borneo and across to the Sulawesi Sea in Indonesia. At the very heart lies the Visayan Sea.

"The Visayan Sea was once so rich, it was estimated that it could supply the protein needs of the entire Filipino (population) for a whole year. It contains an amazing array of fish and corals-more corals than the entire Caribbean Sea.

"But abundance breeds waste. After decades of abuse, from dynamite and cyanide fishing to intensive commercial trawling, the marine wealth of the Visayan Sea is facing total collapse."

The answer to this is the creation of the Visayan Sea Squadron, planned as a five-year project, but geared for more extensive programs in the future. Already, workshops and training programs are being conducted for volunteers of the enforcement network. Logistical support is being provided through donations of volunteer groups and personal contributions of some members. There is much to be done, but the first steps have been taken.

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It is not only produce which Serendra residents can enjoy at Market! Market! Here, one can get their hands on the best delicacies that the Philippine islands have to offer. From Baguio's strawberry jam and lengua de gato to piaya and barquillos from Bacolod, you can get a taste of these local treats just by visiting the regional stalls at Market! Market!

What's great about shopping in the vicinity of Serendra is the sense of community. In these unique shopping areas, one not only gets the most unique items, the freshest goods or the most tempting delicacies, but also invaluable relationships with the vendors whom Serendra residents can trust to give them only the best. The sense of familiarity and comfort makes shopping all the more fun and pleasurable. It is a truly quaint experience reminiscent of laidback European provincial living, where the best and most natural offerings of the environment can be enjoyed all year round.

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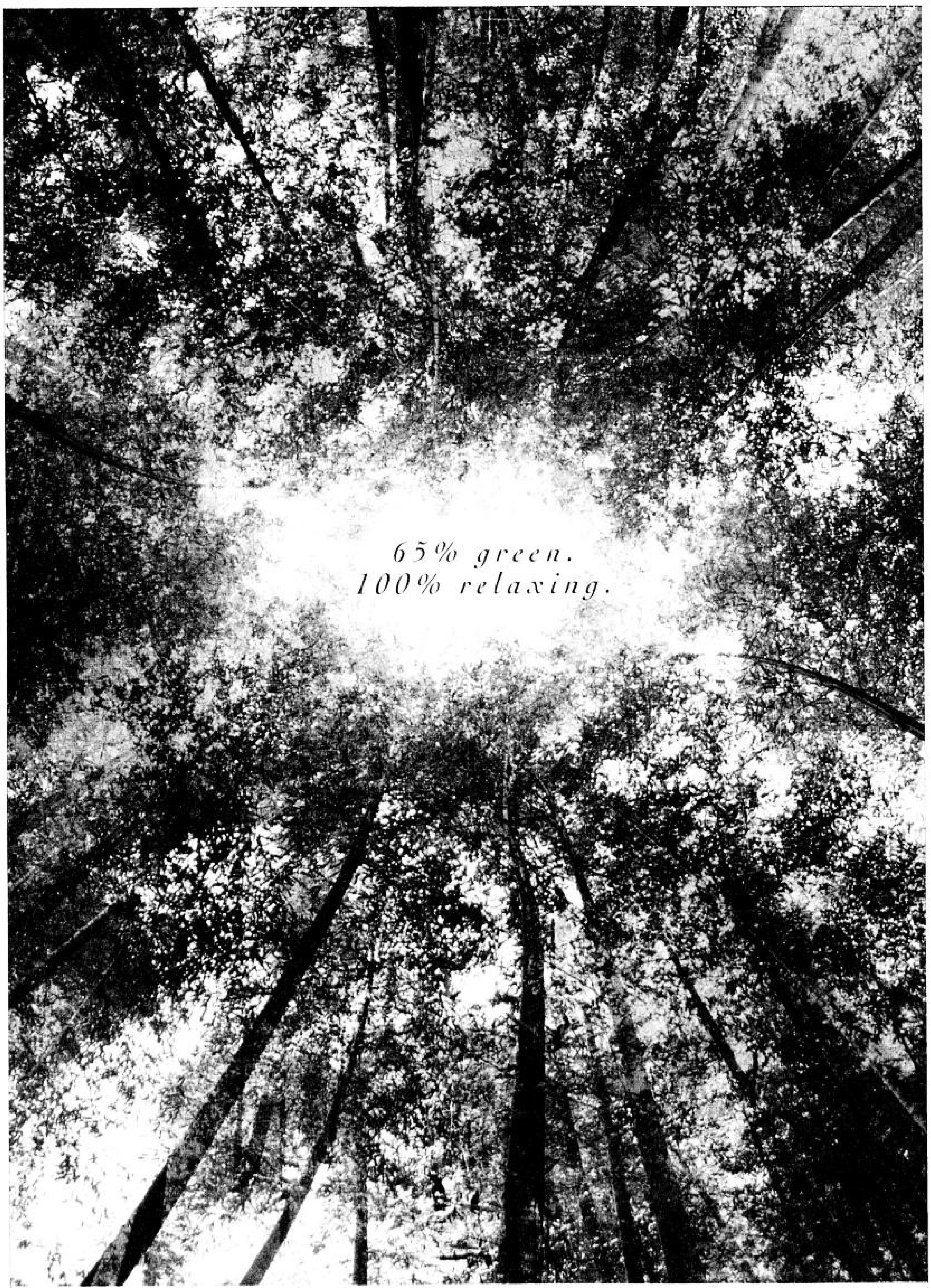

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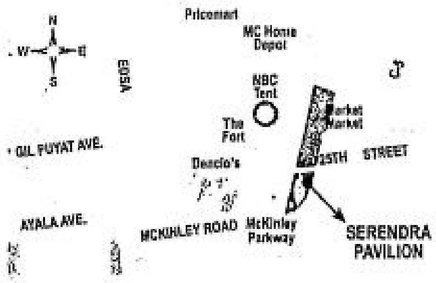

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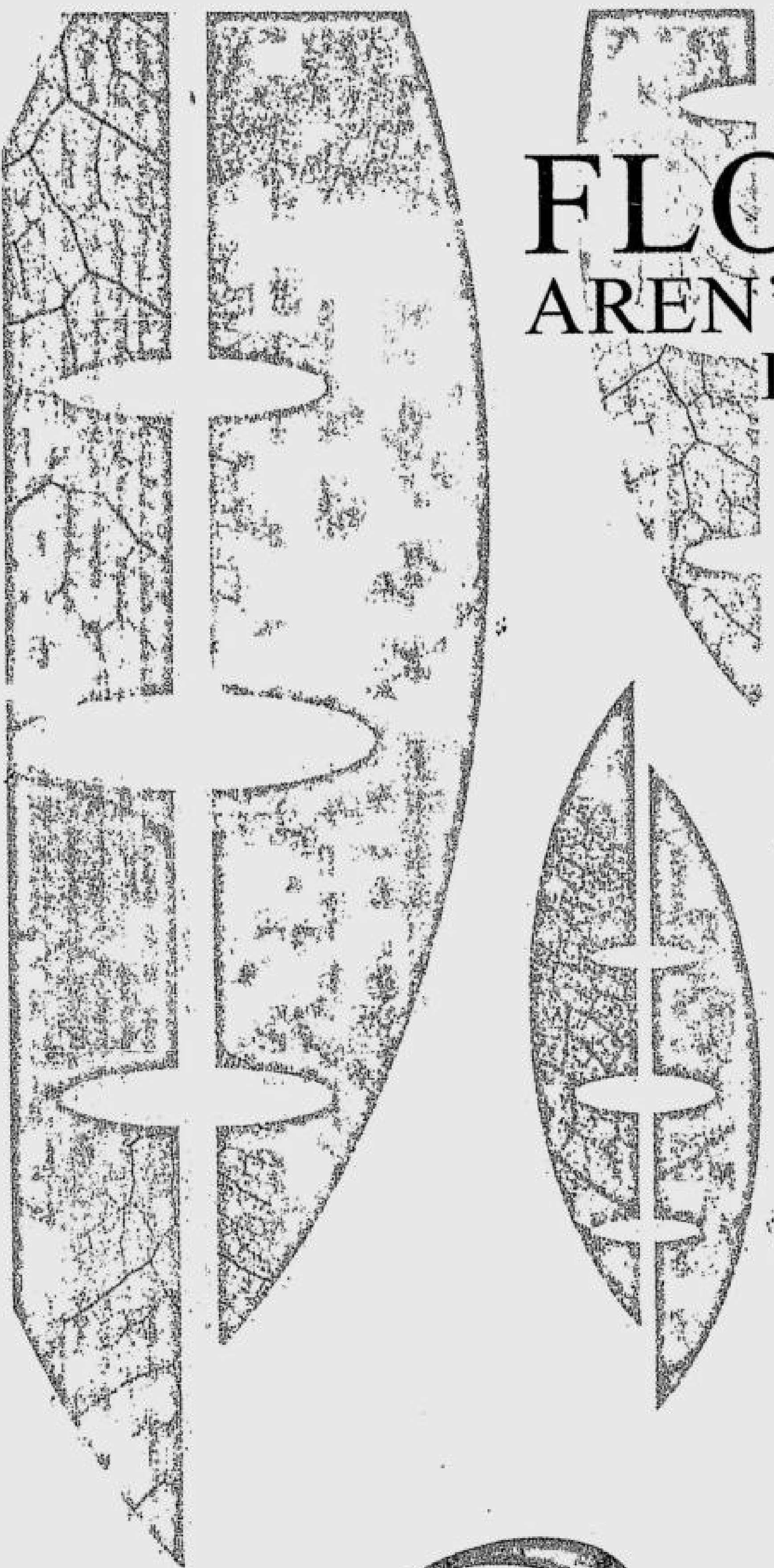

FLOWERS AREN'T ALL THAT BLOOM IN SERENDRA

When was the last time you sailed a paper boat with your child? Do you even remember how to make one? One of the main features in the gardens of Serendra — the newest and most innovative low density residential condominium development of Ayala Land, Inc. and Community Innovations, Inc. at the Bonifacio Global City — is a slow moving pond that runs alongside the jogging path, which traces the length of the development.

"Here, children can play with their paper boats the way their parents used to when they were kids," says engineer Cristy C. Comia, head of the newly formed Landscaping Unit of ALI. The gardens of Serendra are not only to be seen but to be experienced and enjoyed — it's like living in a park.

"It concretizes Serendra's concept of suburban living in the city," remarked Kate Ilagan, senior division manager for Ayala Land. Approximately 65% of Serendra's 12-hectare development is dedicated to open spaces and greenery.

The landscaping design was developed in detail by Ponce Veridiano and Jomar Borja of Tropic Asia, who were also involved in the development of the new Greenbelt mall in Makati.

The selection of plants was based on the myriad of themes that characterize the gardens in the various sections of Serendra — examples of these include different varieties of heliconia, true bird of paradise, and ginger plant for the Tropical Garden; fookien tea and podocarpus maki for the Oriental Garden; and shrubs, such as sampaguita, rosal, and kamuning for the Scented Garden.

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Whether you're a yuppie or just starting to raise your own family, getting to live independently can be a thrilling experience.

Although choosing, and eventually buying, your own place can indeed be exciting, you should always consider several factors before signing your name on the dotted line.

One thing to watch out for is that construction and delivery for some condominiums is contingent on sales velocity. This means that 60 to 80 percent of units have to be sold first before construction can even begin. Consequently, slow sales take-up means that funds are slowly replenished, which translates to massive construction delays or worse, no construction at all.

But with Serendra, you can banish your worries away because the construction of the units does not depend solely on sales. Investors have taken an immense liking to Serendra so much so that 600 units were already sold in its first year of offering — a strong testament to the unwavering trust and confidence that people have on the proponents behind the development, Ayala Land, Inc. and Community Innovations, Inc.

Bear in mind that choosing the right condominium for you doesn't only depend on its appearance or location. "You also have to consider after-sales service, which is extremely important. With some condominium developers, buyers or owners can only deal directly with the contractors and only if this is still within the warranty period," says Ayala Land, Inc. senior division manager Kate Ilagan.

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haven. "But the amount of garden that we are providing at Serendra will surpass any garden that you could ever have in a house and lot," Ilagan explained. "Here, you can go around the development and enjoy hectares of diverse garden types."

At Serendra, your recreational activities need not be confined to watching TV or playing computer games. There are lots of opportunities for outdoor recreation and a healthier lifestyle. Plans include an Orchidarium, as well as orchards with fruit-bearing trees, such as kalamansi, where parents can provide their children with the kind of childhood experience that they had — growing up in the suburbs or in the province where they used to climb trees and pick fruits. There are jogging paths, an Orchard Garden where you can practice tai chi and yoga, and a swimming pool at the clubhouse, giving you the feeling of being in a resort surrounded by gardens. In addition, there will be a children's playground with various equipment, such as see-saws and swings, where children can interact with other kids outside of a school setting.

At the center of Serendra is the commercial promenade, which is highlighted by a Zen Garden with a big dita tree that reaches three stories high. Surrounded by a reflecting pond, you will never lose sight of the tree's huge trunk while driving around the basement parking, since its foliage stretches all the way up to the second floor level of the commercial building. There will be an enormous fountain on the ground level with benches around it that will serve as a meeting place for people in the retail area. Truly, parking has never been this engaging!

Finally, Serendra boasts an environment that has paid attention to every little detail to secure the nature-filled standard of living that modern residents demand. As Comia remarked, "We will not just plant the trees and forget about them. We have horticulturists in our unit who will train people to maintain the gardens. We will have programs that will provide manuals to act as a guide as to when to trim the plants or when to apply fertilizer." Certainly, this will do well to keep the row of mahogany trees fronting 11th Avenue full and rich so as to effectively conceal the street outside the development.

In the end, whether one decides to consider the covered walkways or the Central Garden his or her favorite spot, Serendra has created a habitat where both nature lovers and fun-loving spirits can roam free and enjoy life. Seeking an escape from the urban jungle without traveling through hours of grueling traffic? We have it here. Put simply, it is at Serendra where you can touch the plants and stop to smell the flowers. You are in your garden, in a place you call home — Serendra.

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Ilagan also stresses the fact that, "Our after-sales service is proven. Plus, our property management ensures investors that their home and investment will stand time's test."

Other developers also entice buyers with the promise that unit owners can move in on the same day of turnover because the units are already fully fitted and fully furnished. But before you actually make a dash to those real-estate offerings, bear in mind this major caveat: Developers have no explicit guarantees on the brand, quality, and condition of the pieces of furniture and appliances.

"Are you sure that you want these items? Because if you don't, it'll just be wasteful on your part or, at the very least, a nuisance — you'd either have to live with it in bad taste or sell it at an undesired price," explains Ilagan. Most importantly, you have no guarantee on the quality of the unit finishes.

At Serendra, each unit has to pass through three layers of inspection before the unit is turned over to the buyer, ensuring that only the best care and most meticulous concern is given. Serendra boasts of features that make for luxurious living. It has expansive landscaping, themed gardens, water elements, play areas, activity nodes, function rooms, swimming pools, a library, fitness center, basketball and badminton courts, game rooms and clubhouses.

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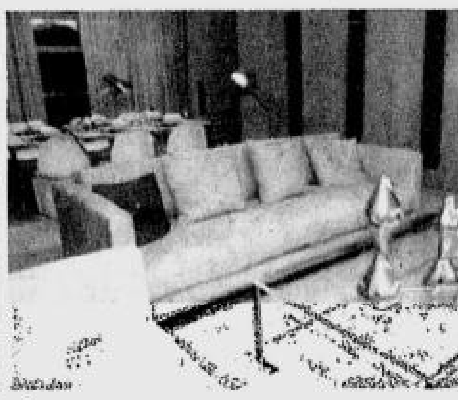
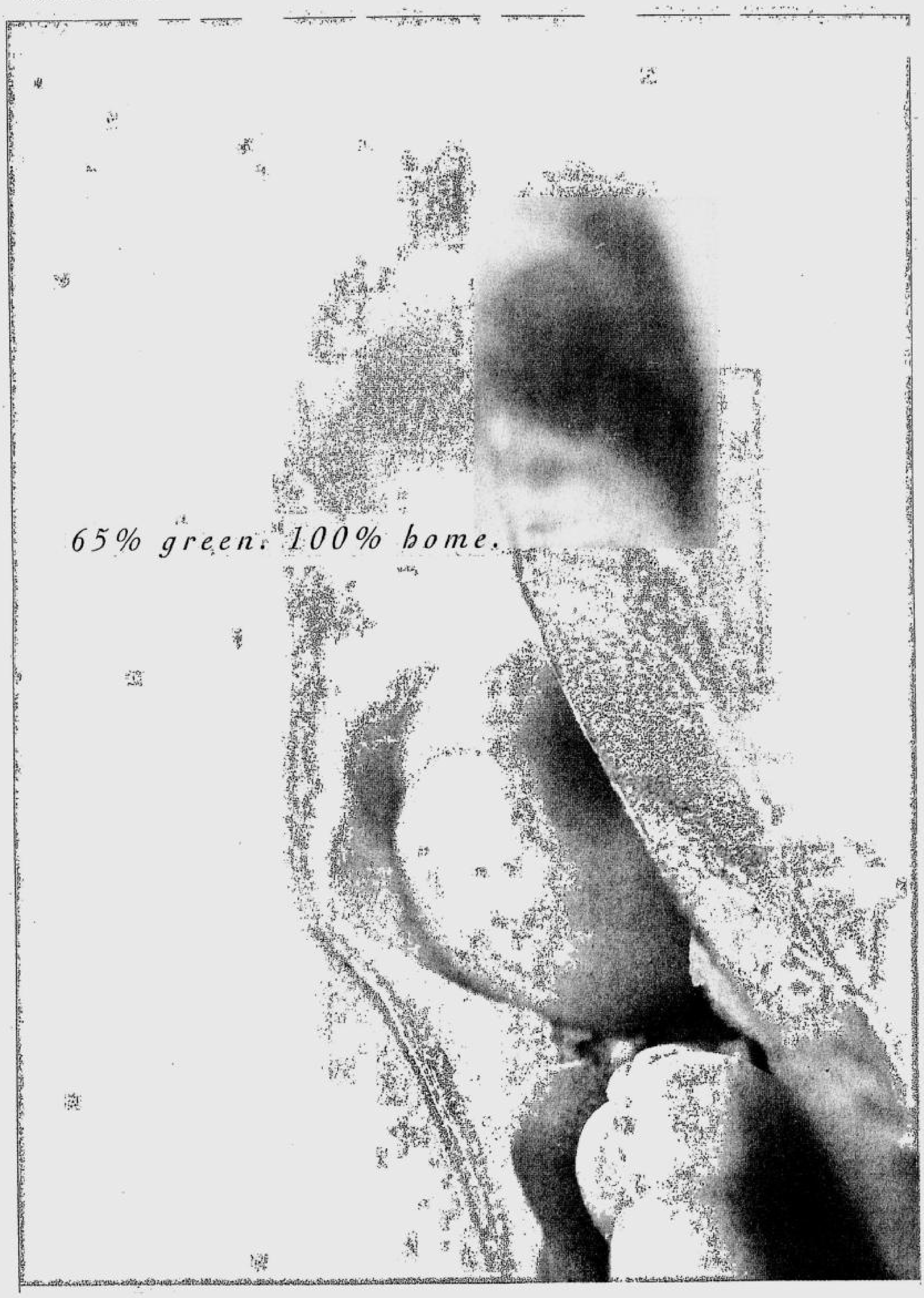


Serendra, the latest and most innovative residential condominium development of Ayala Land, Inc. and subsidiary Community Innovations, Inc. located at the Bonifacio Global City, holds its Open House and Model Unit blessing on Sunday, March 13.

Guests will be taken on a personal tour of each model unit, guided by the country's top interior designers who lent their expertise to the project, such as Anna Sy for the special three-bedroom model unit and Isabel Asuncion for the one-bedroom unit. Apart from the ceremonial blessing of the model units, the highlight of the event will feature the interior designers placing their last-minute signature touches in their respective model units.

Serendra is easily one of the most interesting real estate developments today, as it offers a unique living experience—a family sanctuary in the heart of the city. Occupying a sprawling 12 hectares, Serendra combines European-inspired planning and Filipino warmth and sensibility with its charming residential units, gardens, tree-lined walkways, pools, and playgrounds. Residents will enjoy going to the game rooms, restaurants, multi-purpose courts, and a promenade featuring the quaintest of shops where they can interact with their neighbors, all within the Serendra compound. Best of all, Serendra is conveniently located near several prestigious schools, hospitals, and top shopping destinations.

To know more about Serendra, please call 888-0000 or 848-5000, e-mail serendra@ayalaland.com.ph or visit www.serendra.com. Model units are available for viewing at the Sales Pavilion, 26th Street, Bonifacio Global City, everyday from 9 am to 8 pm.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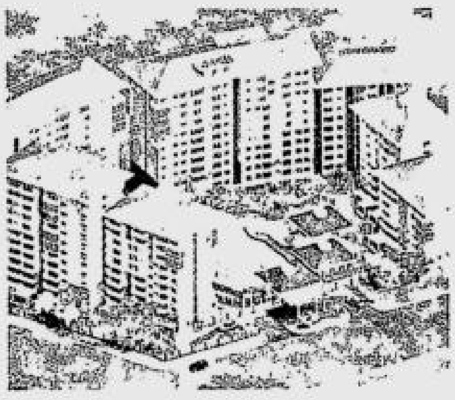

The concrete jungle can be an unforgiving habitat. But with Serendra, a low-density residential project jointly developed by Community Innovations, Inc. and Ayala Land, Inc., the green, green grass of home no longer has to be confined to the city limits. With over 65% of its 12 hectares dedicated to greenery, Serendra radiates a freshness more commonly associated with the suburbs. Located in the Bonifacio Global City, it is less than 5 minutes away from the central business district of Makati. Coupled with residential units that feature the marriage of Filipino warmth with European masterplanning, an extensive list of amenities and facilities is tirelessly maintained by the Ayala Property Management Corporation. Serendra offers families more than just room to grow. It also gives them time to be together. And together is what homes are all about.

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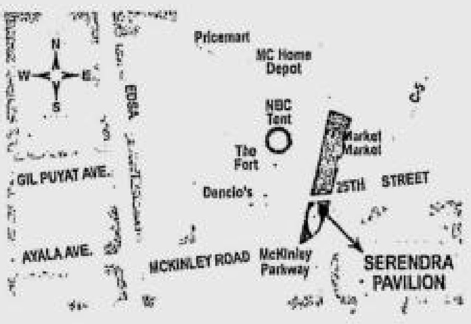

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Associate Business Systems Auditor

Reporting Arrangements

The position directly reports to one or more professional staff of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG).

Description of Responsibilities

The position is primarily responsible for assisting professional staff in the Financial, Administrative and Information Systems Division (OAGF) in ADB-wide conduct of financial, administrative and operational audits with an emphasis on Treasury and other commercial banking products, maintenance of working papers and records; preparation of the initial draft report and final report. The incumbent may execute entire audits under the supervision of professional staff or Director, OAGF. The position is specifically responsible for:

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Selection Criteria

- Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned at the required level;
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Reporting Arrangements

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Description of Responsibilities

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7. performing any other assignments as required, including the preparation of draft memoranda and external correspondence for supervisors' review.

Selection Criteria

- Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned at the required level;
- A bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in Accounting; a CPA designation;
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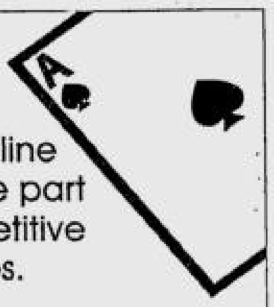

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My TRABAHO
Helping Filipinos Find Their Dream Jobs

Messages

CONGRATULATIONS to the STI Education Services Group, Manila Broadcasting Company, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Quantum X and Optimus Innovations Inc. for launching the My Trabaho program to help match Filipino jobseekers with appropriate job vacancies.

This timely and extremely constructive effort offers a comprehensive package of services, including career planning, training, and counseling, to thousands of job applicants. This would give qualified beneficiaries a definite advantage in their quest for decent and well-paid work.

I welcome My Trabaho as a durable contribution to easing unemployment in the country. It complements my administration's 10-point legacy agenda, which aims to cut poverty by creating 10 million jobs in the next five years.

On behalf of our people, I thank the companies behind this noble project and wish them unremitting success in their desire to help the unemployed. With all of us working together, we can beat the odds towards a brighter and more prosperous future.

More power and *mabuhay*.

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President, Republic of the Philippines

I CONVEY my warmest felicitations to the Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI) on the launching of another public service program called My Trabaho, which seeks to help jobseekers and people at work find appropriate jobs and develop globally competitive competencies. It is timely and relevant to the government's Medium Term Development Plan that aims to generate six to 10 million jobs in the next six years. The project is an innovative idea from the country's widely read newspaper that would enhance the government's thrust in generating more jobs for our people—the kind of endeavor that is worth emulating. The PDI, indeed, has taken a major step towards our common goal of providing jobs to our people to surmount the unemployment problem even as other social partners such as nongovernment organizations, local government units, and the business sector also play a crucial role in realizing this objective. As we are all aware of, the current dispensation's blueprint of development primarily concerns the generation of 10 million jobs by 2010. It is, indeed, a tough task to reckon with. But with the business sector providing significant inputs such as this project, we can say that we are on the right track.

We, at the Department of Labor and Employment, are grateful that we have active partners like the PDI whose sense of social responsibility help us fill the gaps between jobseekers and employers, thus, easing the unemployment situation in the country. With other partners like the Manila Broadcasting Company, STI Colleges, Quantum X, and Optimus Innovations, Inc., we are confident that there is no way we cannot achieve our target. In this light, it is our fervent wish that other organizations follow suit as this would certainly boost our efforts to provide and facilitate better opportunities for the Filipino workers. My congratulations to the PDI's My Trabaho project and I am truly certain that this would go a long way. Your success is the success of our people and of this nation. *Mabuhay*!

PATRICIA STO. TOMAS
Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment
Republic of the Philippines

IT all started with a dream to fulfill dreams—the dream of Filipinos to have a better life through gainful employment. Thus, "My Trabaho" was born.

My Trabaho is a public service program that helps jobseekers and people at work find their dream jobs and develop globally competitive competencies. It is a multi-faceted program that includes four components working together to reach, inform, educate, inspire and mobilize the largest number of people to work together to develop the global competitiveness of the Filipino workforce.

Components

The My Trabaho program has four components:

My Trabaho Dream. This component provides free training on career planning to qualified beneficiaries. Benefits include job-coaching sessions, job-hunting outfits, makeover, training on how to prepare a resumé and pass a job interview, and a job hunting cash allowance.

My Trabaho Text. With this service, jobseekers are just a text away from a pool of human resource consultants who are ready to provide information on job opportunities, answers to job-hunting questions, and career advice.

My Trabaho Match. This is an online resumé databank service that brings jobseekers within reach of prospective employers with a click of a mouse. Through the web site, www.mytrabaho.com, jobseekers can encode their resumés online. Employers can then access these resumés, making job hunting and employee search faster, easier and more convenient.

Job hunters who do not have access to a computer may send or drop their resumés at designated drop-off centers nationwide. These include more than 100 STI campuses, six Philippine Daily Inquirer branches in Metro Manila, and 42 Manila Broadcasting Company stations.

My Trabaho Inspiration. Through print and radio, experiences and success stories of My Trabaho beneficiaries are featured to inspire Filipinos to continually strive to develop globally competitive competencies.

Through an extensive print and radio campaign, My Trabaho hopes to put together employers and jobseekers in this program. And through stories in Philippine Daily Inquirer's People at Work section and interviews on "My Trabaho at dzRH" aired every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m., My Trabaho will provide inspiration and a guide to jobseekers and people at work in their quest for a better life.

Power of five

A private sector initiative, the program harnesses for the first time the power, the reach and the resources of two media giants, the number one newspaper broadsheet in the country, and the number one AM radio station in Metro Manila, Mega Manila and nationwide. It also brings in the expertise of largest network of colleges, one of the most creative software developers and the pioneer in popular learning.

MY Trabaho Match Launch. (From left) Dept. of Finance secretary Cesar Purisima, DOLE undersecretary Benedicto Ernesto Bitonio Jr., STI executive committee chair Eusebio Tanco, Inquirer chair Marixi Prieto, Optimus Innovations chair Juan "Babs" Reyes, Jr., Manila Broadcasting Company president Jun Nicdao, Quantum X managing partner Robert John Oh. BETOY JOHNSON

The My Trabaho partners include:

- **Philippine Daily Inquirer,** the nation's most widely circulated newspaper broadsheet. As the publisher of Job Market where hundreds of employers advertise their job vacancies, Inquirer seeks to provide added value to its readers through the My Trabaho public service program.
- **Manila Broadcasting Company** which manages dzRH, the number one AM radio station nationwide. As part of its "Operation Tulong," its multi-awarded public service program, dzRH hopes to provide its listeners a means to uplift their lives through the My Trabaho public service program.
- **STI,** the Philippines' largest network of colleges. STI's commitment to provide enrollment to employment services to its students finds fulfillment in the My Trabaho public service program.
- **Quantum X,** one of the most creative software developers and web owner of workabroad.ph. It is generously sharing its technology as part of its corporate social responsibility to the My Trabaho public service program.
- **Optimus Innovations, Inc.,** the pioneer in popular learning, a company which seeks to provide world-class learning at popular prices for people at work and jobseekers through popular learning events, training programs and mass media. Its passion to serve the working public resulted in its conceptualization of the My Trabaho program.

Follow your dream with My Trabaho Dream

MY Trabaho Dream provides selected beneficiaries with career planning, coaching and personality development services to increase their chances of getting their dream jobs. This was launched last March 24, 2004 by Philippine Daily Inquirer, Manila Broadcasting Company and Optimus Innovations, Inc.

Every quarter, 30 partial beneficiaries are selected by drawing at random applications sent to My Trabaho. The 30 beneficiaries are given free training on career planning. Out of the 30, 10 full beneficiaries are selected by career counselors and given the following additional benefits: job coaching sessions for two months, corporate outfits, makeover by a reputable grooming salon, training on how to prepare a resumé and pass a job interview, and a job-hunting cash allowance.

Training and consulting companies who have donated their services to mentor the beneficiaries are: Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting, Career Systems, Inc., EC Business Solutions and Career Center, and Drake Beam Morin Philippines.

Who are qualified to join

1. Filipino citizen
2. Graduate of a two-year course, four-year college course or higher degree
3. Physically and mentally fit
4. No police or criminal record
5. Residing in Metro Manila or if provincial resident, can reside in Metro Manila at own expense for the duration of the availment of the benefits
6. Willing to accept terms and conditions of acceptance of benefits

Mechanics

1. Go to any of the Philippine Daily Inquirer Classified Ads branches in Metro Manila or STI campuses or Manila Broadcasting Company radio stations nationwide. See list in next page.
2. Fill up and submit a My Trabaho Applicant's Form available at these drop-off points.
3. Or log on to www.mytrabaho.com and encode your resumé online.
4. During the months of April, June, September and December, 30 letters will be picked at random. The 30 letter senders will be invited to attend a career planning workshop for free. Out of these 30 letter senders, 10 will be selected by career counselors to be given the following assistance: 1) job coaching sessions for two months, 2) corporate outfits, 3) makeover by a reputable grooming salon, 4) training on how to prepare a resumé and pass a job interview, and 5) a job-hunting cash allowance.
5. Names of the partial and full beneficiaries shall be announced in "My Trabaho at dzRH," which is aired every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. on 666 on your AM radio dial in Metro Manila and published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer in People at Work and the web site www.mytrabaho.com.
6. All resumés submitted to My Trabaho Dream shall be automatically included in the My Trabaho Match database.
7. Stories on the mentors, sponsors and winners shall be written and published in People at Work and the web site www.mytrabaho.com and featured in "My Trabaho at dzRH."
8. The organizers of this program do not guarantee the beneficiaries any job or employment. It only provides the benefits listed above as assistance to increase the jobseeker's chances in landing his or her dream job.

SUPPORTERS OF MY TRABAHO. (From left) Optimus Innovations Chair Juan "Babs" Reyes, STI chair Felipe Alfonso, Dept. of Finance secretary Cesar Purisima, Inquirer chair Marixi Prieto, STI executive committee chair Eusebio Tanco, DOLE undersecretary Benedicto Ernesto Bitonio Jr., former DOLE secretary Benny Laguesma, EC Business Solutions and Career Center president Ernie Cecilia, and Manila Broadcasting Company president Jun Nicdao. CONTRIBUTOR/CESAR PANTI

How employers can participate

EMPLOYERS who wish to participate in this program as part of their corporate social responsibility can help in various ways:

- Provide benefits so that more beneficiaries can be selected,
- Lend their managerial expertise in the job-coaching program,
- Send in donations to enable the program to expand,
- Or by simply signing up as a subscriber to the My Trabaho Match online resumé databank.

Companies who would like to be more involved in the program are welcome to become major partners with representation in the Project Partners Council and the Project Coordinating Committee.

For more information, e-mail the Chair, My Trabaho Project Coordinating Committee at optima@edsamail.com.ph or call telephone number 937-0376.

Through this public service program, we aim to help our government and our people build a better and stronger nation. You too can be a part of it. Support My Trabaho and help Filipinos find their dream jobs.

INQUIRER VP Marketing Donald Lim (right), Inquirer marketing officer Mascy Cabuhat (center) and Optimus Innovations president Reggie Reyes (left), draw the first set of 30 beneficiaries for My Trabaho Dream.

THIRTY lucky letter senders attend for free the 2-day career planning seminar workshop conducted by Career Systems, Inc.

MY Trabaho at dzRH program hosts assist Inquirer marketing staff draw the second set of 30 beneficiaries.

ANOTHER batch of 30 beneficiaries listen intently to Career Systems president Josie Santamaria (standing, center).

Messages from the My Trabaho partners

THE WORDS of author Alvin Toffler best describe the My Trabaho program—"You've got to think about 'big things' while you're doing small things, so that all the small things go in the right direction."

The program is taking on a "big thing," i.e., finding work for Filipinos who dream of improved lives as well as helping the government and the private sector face the perennial challenge of providing the right job.

My Trabaho has broken down the huge task of helping jobseekers by bonding together five organizations that share a common goal. Each organization plays a vital role in making sure that the four components of the program, namely, My Trabaho Dream, My Trabaho Text, My Trabaho Inspiration, and My Trabaho Match, become a working reality.

I am excited at the opportunities My Trabaho brings. Jobseekers will be more ready and equipped to handle the challenging task of finding the right job. For employers, the program will be "the" avenue for them to find the best and the brightest for their organizations.

I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of the My Trabaho program.

MA. ALEXANDRA R. PRIETO ROMUALDEZ
President
Philippine Daily Inquirer

MY TRABAHO Match has been pairing up thousands of employers and employees in a proactive effort to address the employment problems affecting the nation.

The key to the efficiency and effectiveness of My Trabaho Match lies in its simplicity.

Out there, millions of jobseekers are just waiting to land that dream job. Also out there are thousands upon thousands of employers just waiting to fill up vacant office desks with ideal employees. My Trabaho Match is the middle ground where supply meets demand and where jobseekers and employers get their first crack at forging a match made in employment heaven.

As the leading radio network in the country, the Manila Broadcasting Company (MBC) is a proud contributor to this effort. Together with our partners in print and Internet media, MBC believes in the importance of facilitating the employment process as well as educating Filipinos about a broad range of human resources topics.

May this continuing partnership succeed in helping even more Filipinos for many, many years to come.

RUPERTO S. NICDAO, JR.
President
Manila Broadcasting Company

AS AN EDUCATIONAL institution, STI constantly takes an active part in nation-building. STI's responsibility to its graduates goes beyond quality education. That is why we take great pride in being a part of the "My Trabaho" public service program that seeks to help Filipinos find their dream jobs and develop globally competitive competencies.

The My Trabaho project is in line with our thrust to assist our graduates find employment through a system called the E2E (Enrollment to Employment) System. This facilitates employment of qualified individuals and thus helps the government in its effort to ease the unemployment situation in the country.

Together with our partners, we invite you to join us in this life-changing challenge. We believe that with your support, the "My Trabaho" project can go a long way in transforming the Filipino workforce into the Global Pinoy.

MONICO JACOB
President
STI

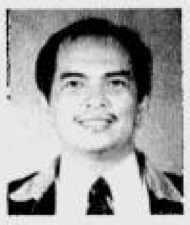
QUANTUM X, Inc. extends its sincerest appreciation in being part of My Trabaho. Through this public service program, we endeavor to help Filipinos find meaningful employment.

Quantum X is making full use of its expertise in sharing its Interactive Recruitment Information System (IRIS) to break down the barriers of the jobseekers and employers. Through IRIS, job application becomes faster and easier.

Now, we can facilitate employment of qualified applicants as all resumés are encoded in a database. Application becomes much easier since jobseekers can encode their resumés themselves. Those without Internet access can send their resumés to the different drop off points and their resumés will be added to the database. Employers, on the other hand, will have access to thousands of resumés in the database, which will be made available to them.

The idea of joining hands for a greater cause—one that used to be just a dream—is finally being realized. We hope that our humble contribution to a program, clearly dedicated in serving the Filipinos, becomes beneficial and would help put our country on a different light.

ROBERT JOHN OH
Managing Partner
Quantum X



THE PASSIONATE desire of three million jobless but able Filipinos is to have jobs. The fondest dream of millions of Filipinos who do not earn enough to support their families is to have well-paying jobs.

Finally, after a long process of planning and organizing, their desire and dream are now being realized-gradually but surely - with the launching of My Trabaho Match. This project provides the key that will unlock the doors of opportunity, on the one side, for those wishing to land a well-paying job, and on the other, for those wishing to hire a qualified job applicant.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other principal sponsors for making this program a reality. And I enjoin others to fully support this trailblazing program.

With our combined efforts, I am confident that this program will respond to the needs of our people and put our country in the world map for pioneering such an innovative program that helps jobseekers and people at work find their dream jobs and develop globally competitive competencies.

JUAN M. REYES, JR.
Chairman
Optimus Innovations, Inc

It's a job match with My Trabaho Match

MY TRABAHO Match provides a link between jobseekers and employers to facilitate employment of applicants qualified for vacant positions. It provides an online resumé databank service that brings jobseekers within reach of prospective employers with a click of a mouse.

Through the web site, www.mytrabaho.com, jobseekers can encode their resumés online. Job hunters who do not have access to a computer may send or drop their resumés at designated drop-off centers nationwide.

This program was launched last Feb. 10, 2005 by Philippine Daily Inquirer, Manila Broadcasting Company, STI, Quantum X and Optimus Innovations Inc.

Who are qualified to join

1. Filipino citizen
2. High school graduates, vocational/technical graduates, college level or college graduates, graduates of post-graduate courses
3. Physically and mentally fit
4. No police or criminal record

Mechanics

1. Go to any of the Philippine Daily Inquirer Classified Ads branches in Metro Manila or STI campuses or Manila Broadcasting Company radio stations nationwide. See list in this page.
2. Fill up and submit a My Trabaho Applicant's Form available at these drop-off points.
3. Or log on to www.mytrabaho.com and encode your resumé online.
4. Should your qualifications match those being looked for by employers, the employer/s will contact you directly.
5. Those qualified for My Trabaho Dream get a chance to be selected as one of its beneficiaries.
6. The organizers of this program do not guarantee any job or employment. It only provides this service to increase the jobseeker's chances in getting a job.

Features of web site

The My Trabaho web site is a venue where jobseekers can submit their resumés and employers can search for qualified applicants for their vacancies. However, the web site is more than just a virtual meeting place of jobseekers and employers. On its home page, it has a menu for its web pages on: About My Trabaho, Project Proponents, Jobseekers, Employers, My Trabaho at dzRH, What's New, My Trabaho Advice, Success Stories and Contact Us.

The Jobseeker page is where the jobseeker can create his account in the site by encoding his resumé. She can open her account from time to time to check the number of employers who have looked at her resumé. And even when he has already found work, he can opt to leave his resumé in the database and update it from time to time just to keep his options open for future career growth. Jobseekers at all levels, from new graduates to highly experienced professionals and executives, can use this service.

The Employer page is where the employer can register for the service. Here, with the help of IRIS or the Interactive Recruitment Information System developed by Quantum X, the employer or his HR representative can key in his specifications (for example, age range, place of residence, academic qualifications, work experience, etc.) for his vacancies and with a few clicks, generate a list of applicants meeting his specifications. The registered user can also download and print the resumés of the qualified applicants.

Career inspiration

The web site also provides articles drawn from the archives of Philippine Daily Inquirer's People at Work subsection to inspire the jobseeker. The My Trabaho Advice page features columns published in the People at Work subsection of the Philippine Daily Inquirer from HR experts and career counselors. Looking at the Success Stories page gives a glimpse of the stories of the My Trabaho beneficiaries.

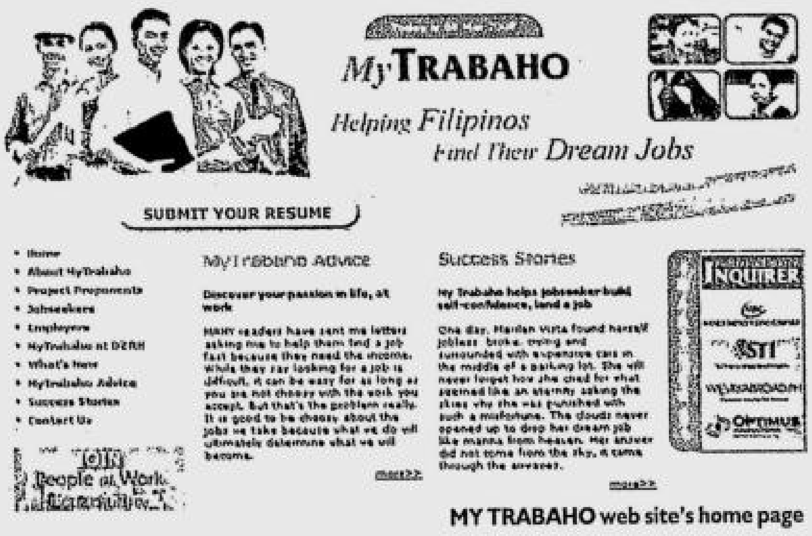
Tune in to My Trabaho at dzRH

Another interesting feature is the My Trabaho at dzRH page. By clicking on the icon in this page, you can listen to the radio program "My Trabaho at dzRH" every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. from the comfort of your computer workstation whether at home or in the office, provided your computer has a sound card and audio speakers. With this facility, you can also catch the news and listen to the other programs of dzRH throughout the day.

Background info

Then, the About My Trabaho page provides jobseekers and employers information about the My Trabaho program. The Project Proponents page gives information on the five partner companies for My Trabaho Match. For any queries, users can easily contact the secretariat of My Trabaho through its e-mail addresses shown on the Contact Us page.

Of course, the success of this web site can only be achieved by the support of everyone—jobseekers and employers alike.



MY TRABAHO web site's home page

Jobseekers, submit your resumé online now!
Employers, register online now!
www.mytrabaho.com

THE MY TRABAHO Coordinating Committee members with STI executive committee chair, Eusebio Tanco (third from right). The members are (from left) STI public affairs head Resty Bundoc, Quantum X managing partner Robert John Oh, Inquirer VP Marketing Donald Lim, Optimus Innovations president Reggie Reyes, and dzRH sales director Jomai Parroco

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ECCP PRESENCE. STI president Monico Jacob greets ECCP executive vice president Henry Schumacher at the launch.

SHOW OF SUPPORT. Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting president Tita Puangco (left), STI public affairs head Resty Bundoc (center) and Henlin founder Jun Manas (right) at the My Trabaho launch.

COMMON INTERESTS. (From left) Ancilla president Tita Puangco, Drake Beam Morin (DBM) consultant Loree Mante, Optimus president Reggie Reyes, Metro Working Mom liaison officer Marla Silaya, and DBM president Mar Gatus talk about their common interest for public service at the My Trabaho launch.

MY TRABAHO SUPPORTERS. Inquirer SVP for Sales and Marketing Reno Reinoso with Century Park Hotel HR consultant lawyer Antonio Fontanilla.

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Guaranteed success

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

ONE of the hardest Gospel verses to connect to work is this one of today, where Jesus says He is "the resurrection..." Rising from the dead is such a mystery that seems so remote from the mundane world of earning a living, so how could resurrection be perceived as relevant at all in one's work? And yet, when you just sit down, keep still and be quiet for a while, you'll find they're very much connected, although you must first realize that no resurrection can take place without a death.

You can "die" in so many ways at the workplace: bankruptcy, getting fired, being compelled by circumstances to resign. Persecution by coworkers and disability (caused by accidents or stroke, for instance) are also ways you may meet "death" in your career path. They all seem to signal the end of your work life, but—things are not always what they seem to be, especially when you acknowledge that Jesus does talk sense. You can "live again"—drop the "stupid job," go on your own and start a business; or stay but steel yourself against the pettiness and meanness of your coworkers while faithfully praying for them.

What counts most in this time of distress is your attitude. Know that you have a choice: if you choose to accept your "death" at the workplace as the end of your life, then you yourself condemn yourself to a living death, breathing but not evolving, blaming life and others for your miserable condition. But if you take this "death" as a doorway to a new life, then the rest of the universe will support you. In moments of weakness, draw strength from nature—observe how seeds "die" and give way to new trees. But always, steep yourself in scripture, in the words of Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Guaranteed never to fail. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com.)

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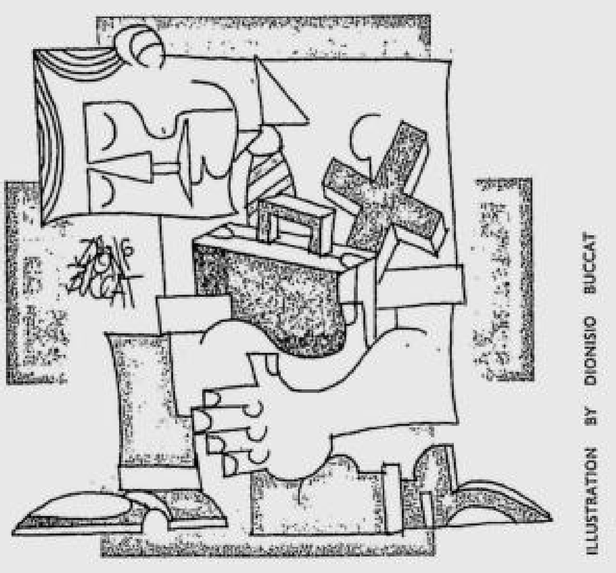

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Gospel: John. 11: 1-45 or John. 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Work that never dies

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

WORK for most of us is life—a means for livelihood, or *hanapbuhay* (literally "finding life"). The kind of work we do, or the profession we practice in society and the amount of money and benefits we get from our work, become the standard for the "quality of life" we think we enjoy and want others like our family members to enjoy, too. For some, their occupation or work is so essential in their lives that they would not leave their work even for a needed rest or vacation, like a well-off Swiss farmer, married to a Filipina, whom we invited to spend some time of rest and vacation in our country but replied, "I would have to bring with me all my cows." Like this farmer, many believe that their work is their life—without their jobs, they would not enjoy even the lighter side of life such as rest and vacation—and that work for them is their "resurrection and life."

But in today's Gospel, Jesus presents a deeper perspective of what real life is for us. He presents Himself as "the resurrection and the life." He challenges us to believe in this. This means that believing in Him or working with a lively faith in Jesus, raised from the dead, will make us find the true life—one which we enjoy not only in this world but also in the next.

Believing in the Risen Lord does not make us leave behind our work or jobs; rather, it makes us "see" greater value in our work and gives us stronger motivation to do our jobs. Having Jesus in our mind and heart, we feel ever alive and we work with joy and enthusiasm as if our job and our life will never die. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net.)

How to overcome interview bias

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should be as well. If they sit up straight, don't slouch. If they speak slowly, watch your own speed so you don't overwhelm them. Different cultures and backgrounds have different pacing in terms of communication. If they wait for each person to take turns speaking, don't overlap while they are talking no matter how enthusiastic you feel. This will help reduce assumptions they make about you based on perceived differences.

2. **Acknowledge and spin it.** If you sense a possible bias, don't be afraid to address your differences. If you have an accent, explain what you do to make yourself understood better. If you are young, note it, but also explain what your age adds and focus more on the experiences you have had that makes you worthy of the position. Let him or her know that you have worked with people of all ages. Include the fact that you bring new ideas but also respect the experiences and knowledge of people who have been there longer. If you are over 45, explain that you have already learned from earlier mistakes and will save the company money because of this. Show him or her a new skill you have learned to counter assumptions that older people are not current on new technologies. If you are a woman working in a male-dominated profession, explain what you can add to the position very specifically because you are female. Speak to the fact that you are good at bringing men and women together. For the difference, make a point to show the value of the aspect in question.

3. **Find a connection.** When you get the chance to ask your own questions at the end of the interview, work to establish a connection with your interviewer. Ask them what they like about the company in question, and communicate your ability to relate to some of the traits he or she identifies. Make a point of smiling and try to be friendly. An open, communicative style on your part is helpful to address any negative biases that person may unconsciously be holding against you.

4. **Communicate your bridge-building potential.** A successful job candidate is not only someone who can do the job, but someone who can work in the organizations' culture and be able to do the job well in the long run. Interviewers with biases may assume that you will not fit well into the organization's culture because eof your differences. Communicate your ability to work with different people, think from different perspectives, and be open-minded. Give examples. Ask about the company culture and talk about your ability to relate with and relate to different people. Make it explicit how your differences can contribute to the culture of the organization.

5. **Make it a strength.** Have you had to deal with this someone who has been biased before because of something about the way you are? Use the experience to show your interviewer how you successfully overcame a difficulty. Emphasize the learning and growth you experienced as a result. This can help an interviewer recognize that their own unconscious bias is impacting their impressions. Make sure you don't insinuate in any way that your interviewer is biased. Your job in the interview is to demonstrate that you are a highly skilled individual equipped to do the job for which you are applying. Critiquing your interviewer is not a step in the right direction.

6. **Stay positive.** Have you noticed that it is that much harder to sit up straight when you are feeling down in the

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MOA Signing: Mr. Jesse Francis Rebustillo, Classified Ads Division Head, and Mr. Noel de Leon, President/CEO of Mercer HR Consulting (seated). As witnesses Mr. Rolando Suarez, PDI Corporate HR/Admin Head; Ms. Liwayway Tabaranza, Branch Manager; Mrs. Lourdes Diaz, Sales Manager; Ms. Nanette Abad, Branch Manager.

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Companies frown on illicit affairs in the workplace

By Michael Flaherty

NEW YORK—The ousting on Monday of Boeing's chief executive, Harry Stonecipher, shows that office romance is not what it used to be.

Corporations once tolerated affairs between supervisors and their underlings, with rumors of steamy interactions within the executive suite hardly considered a big deal.

But in the era of stricter corporate governance and heightened sensitivity about sexual harassment within the workplace, corporate leaders are taking personal relationships more seriously.

What was once considered someone's private matter is now seen as not only inappropriate and bad for morale but a potential legal nightmare—not to mention a financial liability.

Aircraft maker Boeing Co. said it fired Stonecipher after he had an affair with a female executive that violated company rules. The company said the affair between the woman and Stonecipher, 68, who is married with two children and two grandchildren, was consensual.

The decision to fire Stonecipher comes at a time when Boeing's ethics have been under intense scrutiny because of US military contract scandals that forced the resignation of his predecessor, Phil Condit, and sent two executives—Darleen Druyun and CFO Mike Sears—to prison.

Companies are becoming increasingly aware of the potential damage romance in the executive suite can cause.

"The reason companies are concerned about those kinds of relationships, even if they're consensual," stems from the potential for litigation, said Edward Bardelli, partner at law firm Warner, Norcross, & Judd LLP, which specializes in labor and employment law.

If the subordinate, or their peers feel as if preferential treatment was or was not given as a result of the relationship, that could open the flow of lawsuits, Bardelli said.

Dating among office peers, or coworkers, is generally tolerated, "but even that can raise some issues," Bardelli said.

In addition to legal concerns is the publicity baggage some companies now fear when an executive's affairs seize headlines.

Computer Associates International Inc.'s chief operating officer Jeff Clarke resigned from Hewlett-Packard Co. in November 2003. Clarke had faced scrutiny about his romance with Suzette Stephems, a senior public relations executive at HP at the time.

Gary Wendt, who headed General Electric Co.'s GE Capital Corp. and who had once been considered as a possible successor to former CEO Jack Welch, left the company in 1998 after a messy and widely publicized divorce.

"Companies need to assure shareholders and their customers that their CEOs are acting with the utmost integrity," said Jeffrey Klein, head of employment litigation practice at law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges. "If there are events which cast doubt on that image," then board members are more prone to examine the matter closely, Klein said. ***Reuters***

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dumps? Most people show their emotions of anger, frustration, devastation, or defeat. It is important to push through these feelings during the interview so that it doesn't impact your demeanor during the rest of the interview. Most people are not even aware of their biases or the assumptions they make. You can decide later whether you want to work for the company the interviewer represents.

7. **Make a habit of it.** Finally, get into the habit of building bias preparation into your interview preparation. Build these techniques into your responses and practice saying them so you are comfortable in the interview. Have a friend role-play the interview as you address your dimensions of diversity. Make it realistic. How will you face this practice situation?

Everyone has biases and assumptions that are learned from early childhood. We develop them as a result of our age, experiences, culture, ethnicity, economic background and other factors. You can't tell just by looking at someone what their biases and assumptions might be. At the same time, you have to be prepared for the possibility of bias in order to take the opportunity to show yourself as the best candidate to do the job.

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'What's the future for managers, supervisors?'

By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM

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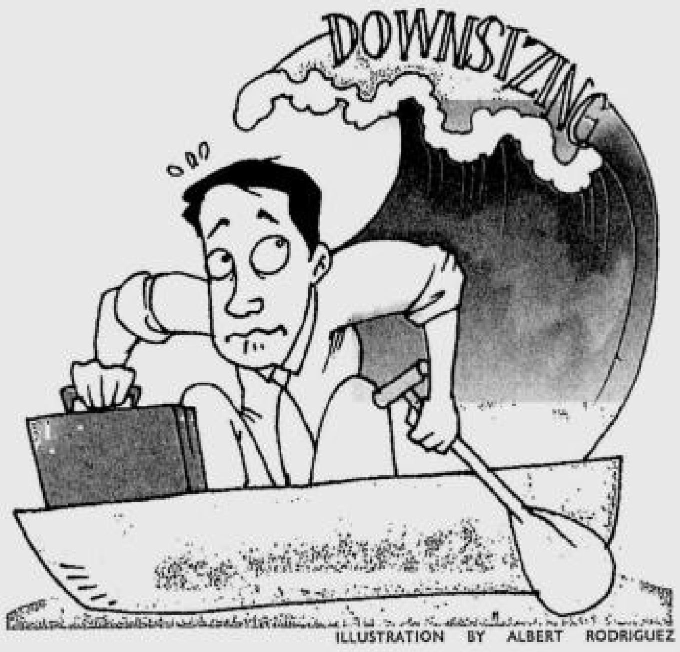

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I AM a production engineer in a large multinational company. I keep hearing that we are being compared not only with our local competitors but also with our company's other manufacturing sites in the region. I am afraid that our plant can be closed anytime our head office so decides because it is cheaper to produce the same products in China, Indonesia or Vietnam.

Can you advise me how to avoid being downsized, or how to prepare myself for that possibility? Will most jobs be temporary or contractual in the future? What is the future of supervisors and middle managers?

Paranoid

As I often say, you are in great company. There are thousands of middle managers like you who look at the future with much uncertainty. Great opportunities for businesses have emerged to rationalize their global operations. Big businesses have found more benefits in consolidating their global operations. Technology has helped make this possible. It is not surprising to see more downsizing in the future—and consequent loss of jobs, including yours.

Avoiding downsizing

As this downsizing phenomenon might become a more permanent fixture in the world of work, the more prepared employees will have better chances of avoiding it or adjusting to its ill effects. The best advice I can give to you on this issue is for you to make a radical paradigm shift. Don't think of yourself as a manager or an employee, fully dependent on your company. Treat yourself as an independent business or service unit supplying the company with "value" that it needs. Once the company stops needing the value that you deliver, you will cease to have a job. Once you stop delivering the value that the company needs, you will have to kiss your job goodbye.

So, to avoid being downsized, you must continually determine what value the company requires from its managers and employees. Develop the competencies needed to produce that value, and deliver that value most quickly and at the lowest cost. Due to changing customer demands, this value can change, too. Be quick to find out what new values will be needed in the future. Retool yourself so that you are best equipped to create that value that your company's customers are willing to pay for.

Employability

Some managers and employees who feel fully dependent on the company tend to cling to their employment as though their lives depend on it. The trick nowadays is to shift one's priority from employment to employability. When downsizing occurs, the employed loses the job, but the employable continues to find another job.

Lifetime employment, even in Japan, is fast becoming a myth. Of course, people would want to stay in one company where they can retire. However, many companies will never be able to afford lifetime employees. There will be need for new blood, and tenured employees are more costly to maintain. (Ever wondered why they invented early retirement?)

Technology changes the rules of the business, of doing business. There is a constant wave of change that must take place in dynamic companies. The stagnant ones are eaten alive or become extinct sooner that they think they will be.

Temporary relationships

Like it or not, many business executives have realized that some of the services rendered by regular managers and employees are not truly required very regularly. Today, fewer companies have regular recruitment or training groups because they don't recruit or train employees every so often. Worse, there are groups that specialize in recruitment or training and can do a better job of sourcing, evaluating, qualifying and training candidates for the few vacancies that may occur. This leads more companies to simply out source services that used to be done by regular employees.

There will be more temporary jobs, and they will go to those who have the right set of skills.

As a result, more organizations will be flat. They will have fewer regular managers and employees doing recurrent, high-value services directly related to the companies' business. When something important that is out of the ordinary comes up, they will look for outside resources to perform the temporary task.

Changing role of managers

As there are lesser numbers of people to be managed, supervisors and managers will have a new role. In the past, the manager of a group was the most technically equipped and had to teach his subordinates how to do the job. Today and in the future, companies will need leaders more—people whose job is to get things done by building a working team. In the past, the manager supervised a bunch of unskilled people. Today and in the future his task is to build a team of highly skilled individuals—and he could be the least technically skilled in the team.

As technology further advances, the manager will be tasked to "marry technology with human endeavor." The new mandate for him is technology and human interface.

Useful tips

Here are a few "posturing" tips to survive downsizing:

1.Be nosy. Be on the lookout for telltale signs of possible changes in your company's products, services, structure, customers, officers, etc. Ask yourself, "How will this change affect me? Is a gun pointed at my face? Do I duck, scram or change alliances?"

2.Sing and dance at performance level. Remember that you are only as good as your last performance. It's wise to keep in mind that your next job will depend on how well you do the present.

3.Brag. Keep tab of your accomplishments. Remember that performance does not speak for itself. By all means, get noticed by the powers that be. Try buttering up the bosses that matter—the ass you save could be your own.

4.Be independent. Even as you need to work in a team, try hard to have your own style, identity or brand. For every good job done, leave your signature. Depend on your abilities—and believe in them.

5.Look to the future. Don't rest on your laurels. Tomorrow is another battle. Clean your rifles, shake off the rust, and keep your saw sharp. No task is difficult if you have the right tools—invest in having the cutting edge.

Of course, you don't have to be paranoid that somebody is out to get your job. Well, with over four million unemployed, perhaps, you should be! With other countries offering better locations, you should be! For as Andras Grof (aka Andy Groove of Intel) would say, "Only the paranoid survive."

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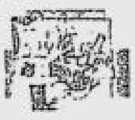

MALAGHAN IN MANILA

Learn how to sell millions from world's sales guru

New techniques open doors in commissioned based direct sales

By Georgi Streetman

AT 18 years old, Michael Malaghan's dream of going to college seemed quite beyond reach. Coming from a dysfunctional alcoholic family, desperately wanting to make something out of life, he took a job selling door to door. Little did he know he was embarking on a lifetime career that would not only make him a millionaire but one in which he would lead more than 20 others to millionaire status.

Direct sales guru

Now, forty-some years later and a legend in the commission based direct sales industry, Malaghan travels the world with his wife, Tomoko, sharing his proven techniques. Coaching sales teams and managers, Malaghan is regarded as a guru in an industry that does over $29 billion in annual sales, that –according to the World Federation of Direct Selling Associations—has nearly 44 million direct sellers worldwide, 70% of which are women.

"I hired my first sales people when I was only twenty years old," says Malaghan. "I was drilled on the habit of recruiting others. If you think the way to success is a solo act, you are dead wrong. It requires others, who become your team, and not only are they responsible for your success, but you are accountable for theirs."

There was a day in 1994 when he stood in front of a group of his top sales managers. He found himself pledging to them, "I will not leave until ten of you are millionaires." He kept that pledge twice over. "If there is one thing I can do, it's develop good sales managers," he says.

Track record

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"Everyone has a level of people skills and a certain amount of sales ability," says Malaghan. "It's a combination of passion, and the simple day-to-day discipline of doing what works," he emphasizes.

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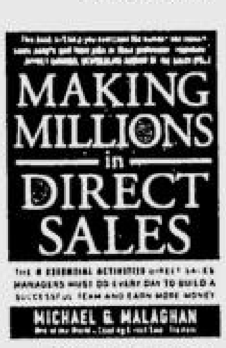

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And Malaghan shares "what works" in lectures and seminars, boiling years of experience down to a few essential tasks—the daily eight. Along with personal anecdotes of failure and success he outlines these techniques in his eagerly awaited book, **"Making Millions in Direct Sales,"** published by McGraw Hill, on bookshelves in March, also available online at www.Amazon.com and www.BN.com.

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How to overcome interview bias

By Simma Liebermann and Kate Berardo

YOUR job interview is tomorrow. You know your appearance will matter, so you polish your shoes and brush your hair. You realize your interviewer will have your resumé in hand, so you've come prepared to explain every detail included on it. You've even done practice interviews and prepared your responses to all the trick questions.

Are you ready? Not yet. There remains a single type of preparation that you should do that can make or break your interview—knowing how to handle the possible biases of an interviewer. You need this knowledge because of a simple reality—interviews are subjective no matter how many objective indicators are introduced.

Interviewers are human, and all carry with them some assumptions about different types of people. despite what may be valid attempts to leave these assumptions behind in the process. Even the most earnest interviewer may be letting some of these biases make their way into the decision-making process. The best candidate for a job has many a time been passed over in the interview process because of bias. You don't want to be one of them.

You're not likely to be able to change the bias itself in the short duration of the interview, and you may not be able to recognize it with so much else going on. You can, however, insure that the interviewer will not apply their assumptions toward you. This means preparing for the possible biases of an interviewer before you encounter him or her. You therefore need to recognize the most likely biases people may have toward you and prepare to address these biases in interviews to minimize their impact.

Pinpointing potential biases

Many people think biases surround visible differences that people have like race, gender or appearance. This is true. However, biases usually run much deeper and assumptions are made about a number of other potential differences you may have with your interviewer. An interviewer may unconsciously make assumptions about you based on the way that you speak, your age, or any of the background information you have listed on your resumé.

To figure out some of the biases that may surface, give some thought to comments people have made to you in the past that surprised you. Have people thought you were much younger or older than you actually are? Have they assumed you were less intelligent because of your accent? Have you been labeled because of the way you dress? Have people been surprised to learn something in particular about you? Make a list of some of these assumptions or obstacles that could prevent the interviewer from seeing you as the best candidate. You need to be proactive and help the interviewer see your differences as being valuable rather than obstacles.

Use your friends to add your recollection. Ask them what their first impressions of you were. Colleagues and mentors from the past are especially valuable since they know you in a work atmosphere and work attire. Have a diverse group of people read through your resumé and create a list of five statements they would make about you based on your resumé. Ask them to limit their responses to information on the resumé and explain your goal in the exercise so you get honest answers. Combine these statements with ones people have made about you in the past and keep a list handy with all of these assumptions.

Techniques

Once you get a sense for the impression you make and possibility of biases, you can address them in such a way to make your differences strengths. You should still be focused in demonstrating why you are a qualified candidate for the job. Therefore, while delivering persuasive responses to interviewer questions, incorporate information in your responses that will also break through biases. Here are some suggestions:

1. **Match their speech and behaviors.** It is a good idea in general to match your interviewers in terms of speech and behaviors in order to create rapport. If an interviewer is formal in their speech, you

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Yasmin Busran-Lao

'She Who Seeks Justice'

This Muslim activist works to teach her sisters about their rights and roles as peacemakers in their war-torn homeland. But she hasn't stopped fighting her own battles, as well

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
Photograph by Jim Guiao Punzalan

THE AWARD came as a surprise to the woman who had repeatedly spurned similar nominations by conveniently forgetting to submit her credentials. "I never expected to be publicly recognized for what I do," says Yasmin Busran-Lao, this year's Benigno S. Aquino Fellowship awardee for public service. "Fighting for the rights of Muslim women and other marginalized groups is something personal for me. I get enough satisfaction helping people gain a certain control over their lives."

What is not surprising is how this Psychology graduate of Far Eastern University came upon her advocacy. Yasmin recalls how, as an 11-year-old *probinsyana*, she had to contend with seatmates who would suddenly edge away when she was introduced before the class.

"Muslims were seen as devils, complete with tails and horns," she recalls of the prejudice and stigma she had to put up with when her family moved to Manila in 1972. Like thousands of other families, they had to flee war-torn Marawi where private armies like the Ilagas and Barracudas had established a reign of terror. Her father, too, had just been appointed as the first Muslim judge in the Court of Appeals, and had to stay in Manila.

The new judge knew the difficulties his brood of 16 had to go through, but his attitude was "deal with it," Yasmin recounts. That meant keeping a stiff upper lip when classmates wondered why she had fair skin, straight hair, and no tail. How come she could speak good English and Tagalog? And by the way, where was her kris?

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The experience, Yasmin says, made her conscious at an early age of "the impact of bigotry and discrimination on human relationships, especially on dignity and communal harmony." It also made her a thorn in her mother's side. She recounts: "It was at the Quiapo mosque where I met these women who were abandoned by their Iranian husbands. This was during the time of Khomeini in Iran. The women were disowned by their families and kicked out of their homes, so I decided to bring them with me. I was running some sort of a woman's crisis center at home, and my mother could only shake her head."

Soon, she was joining other activists when they visited Muslims in death row. "I just wanted to know what was happening," says Yasmin. It was an unusual show of spunk for one who was only in her third year high school then.

It was something she got from her great grandmother, she explains, along with "the desire for independence and the sense of fairness." Yasmin was raised by the old woman, who died when she was eight. The two used to share a room in her grandfather's big house. "Although my grandfather was one of the richest men at that time and had people serving him, my great grandmother washed her own clothes and mine, cooked her own food, personally tended her garden and cleaned her room. There were stories about how, when she reached 70, my great grandmother asked her husband to divorce her and contract another marriage to a woman who could take care of him. At that age, she wanted to have her privacy and enjoy her remaining life in peace."

Profound influence

Her father, too, had a profound influence on Yasmin, the fifth of lawyer Mama Busran's nine children with his third wife. Before he was appointed to the Court of Appeals, Busran was a judge in Jolo and later, in Cotabato City. Her father, recounts Yasmin, often criticized the Marcos administration and opposed the militarization in Mindanao, to the point that even pro-Marcos politicians warned him to watch his tongue if he wanted to make it all the way to the Supreme Court. "But he did not heed their warning and sure enough, Marcos revamped the Court of Appeals and my father was the only one removed from office."

Moving to Manila may have been traumatic for the young Yasmin, but it also spared her from some Muslim traditions that she had begun to question even then. "I have always been an observer," she says of growing up with her great grandmother, which made her a virtual outsider among her siblings. "They didn't want to play with me, fearing that if they made me cry, my great grandmother would crack down on them," she says. As such, she observed and absorbed freely the nuances of life as a Muslim woman. Her eldest sister, she says, had an arranged marriage, and got engaged when she was in Grade 5 to a guy who was about the same age. The couple had a long engagement, and got married after graduating from high school.

"Outsider." Raised by her great grandmother, Yasmin (second from left, seated) considered herself an outsider among her eight siblings

She escaped the same fate by being in Manila. "*Nawala ako sa paningin ng* clan (the clan lost sight of me)," she says. The practice had started to bother her. "It was accepted as part of Islamic teaching, but there was already some dissonance within me," says Yasmin. "How could a child bear another child? How could a boy become a father so soon?"

Such dissonance ushered her into an existentialist phase at 16, when she studied the Qur'an, Buddhism and other religions to find where some oppressive practices were coming from. "They were not in the Qur'an, so why are Muslims embracing them?" she asked.

The questions led her to establish the Al-Mujadilah Development Foundation (AMDF) in 1997, shortly after she attended the 1995 Beijing Conference on Women as a representative of the feminist group PILIPINA. "In Beijing, I was able to interact with Muslim women from other countries," recounts Yasmin. "I realized that much of the Islamic teachings we adhered to, particularly those pertaining to women, are not really what is in the Qur'an, but rather cultural interpretations of Islam."

What followed was intensive research on the situation of Muslim women—from their domestic roles to reproductive health and poverty, from politics to the impact of armed conflict. "This we did in response to allegations that gender issues are western issues that have no resonance in Muslim Moro communities," says Yasmin.

Main advocacy

The Foundation was inspired by a Qur'anic verse, Al-Mujadilah (Qur'an verse 58), which, depending on one's source, either means "The Woman who Pleads," "The Woman who Seeketh (Justice)," or "The Woman who Disputeth." The verse, Yasmin explains, speaks of a woman named Khawlah who was abandoned by her husband based on a pre-Islamic Arab practice called *zihar*. In this practice, a husband can abandon his wife and deny child support by simply saying to the wife, "You look like the back of my mother." This means the wife has begun to resemble the husband's mother, and therefore he was now free to look for another wife, for how could one have sex or cohabit with his mother? Khawlah did not take this abandonment sitting down, and instead brought up the matter to Allah/God, who responded by revealing that *zihar* has since been outlawed and in its place are socially just laws related to, marriage, divorce, polygyny, child support, etc.

Some Muslim scholars, Yasmin adds, would say that Al-Mujadilah refers to an "argumentative, troublesome woman" who dared question Muslim leadership. While they are in effect doing the same thing, "challenging the dominant discourse on the role of women," the Foundation would rather identify with "The Woman Who Seeketh (Justice)," says its executive director, "because social justice is the group's main advocacy." Other issues they work on are women's rights, good governance and peace-building.

The Foundation also works to popularize the Code of Muslim Personal Laws or P.D. 1083. "We hope to raise the awareness of women and men on their rights and responsibilities." The Code has been translated into local dialects, with the Foundation holding regular teaching sessions to help Muslim women understand its implementation.

Yasmin's work on gender equality and women's rights has meant traveling all over Mindanao at all hours of the night, a practice that her mother and mother-in-law have taken issue with. "They worry about me," she says. "Sometimes I have to be at the airport at 5 in the morning so I have to leave Marawi at 2:30 a.m. The roads can be very dangerous, with bandits undeterred by police detachments."

Another pressure comes from her only daughter, Amanah, now 18. "When I started doing this work, she was only three," Yasmin recalls. "She would come home sulking, telling me how other mothers would bring and fetch their children in school, cook them *merienda* and go home from the office. '*Bakit ikaw, alis ka nang alis?* (How come you're always leaving us?)' she would ask." The youngster, she adds, learned her math not in school but through her endless leave-takings. "We would stand before a calendar every time I had to leave, and together, we'd tick off the days when I would be gone. That's how she learned how to count," says Yasmin.

Fortunately, her husband Candidato has always been supportive, she says. "I told him that my work gives meaning to my life, and that he was free to go if he can't take the pressure and the expectations that he should be able to control his wife." The couple remains together.

Yasmin met her husband during a *kandori*, a thanksgiving feast given by her family to celebrate her brother's passing the medical board exams and her magna cum laude honors during her college graduation. "He was my third cousin on my father's side," she says of the man whom she describes as "unassuming, quiet, *malambing* (affectionate), independent and self-reliant."

It was, she says, "an arranged marriage only in the sense that he followed the traditional way of Muslim courtship: He made known his intention to marry me through the intervention of common close relatives. His parents then asked my parents and clan members to agree to an engagement, with the understanding that he would court me until I gave my consent to the union. Only then would we get married." For her family to get to know him better, he asked permission to stay in their house for a month or so "until I made my decision regarding the marriage," says Yasmin.

Personal trial

Her passion might belie it, but she did not initially set out to become an advocate for the rights of Muslim women, says Yasmin. "It's simply a job that I had to do because there were very few takers, considering the challenges that it entails." Experiencing discrimination first hand in Manila, deepened the dissonance, she felt about the teachings of Islam related to women. "I thought, if the God I believe in is a God who is compassionate, loving and merciful, how come some of the teachings from the Holy Qur'an, which are being taught by majority of our religious leaders, particularly those pertaining to women, are oppressive to them?"

Although she continues to help other Muslim women grapple with their biggest problem—"an understanding of their rights as embodied in the Qur'an"—Yasmin found herself facing a personal trial as well. "I discovered I have cancer after an operation for a growth in my colon in December 2002," she says. "I was then so stressed out because of my work giving relief and rehabilitation assistance to internally displaced people, not only in Lanao del Sur but also in some areas of Muslim Mindanao."

She shrugs off her illness, surprising herself with an inner strength she didn't know she has, says Yasmin. "I did not break down, nor did I go into depression. Of course I felt some sadness because there were still so many things I have to do, but on the whole I felt prepared. I have no regrets, having done most of the things I did." If anything, it has made her more focused on her work, she adds. "I've resolved to maximize my time doing what I can while I can."

The work and all its challenges, declares Yasmin, has been definitely worth it. "It was something that had to be done—for myself and my sisters. It's a valuing of my work as a person. If I did not do it, what am I?" Q

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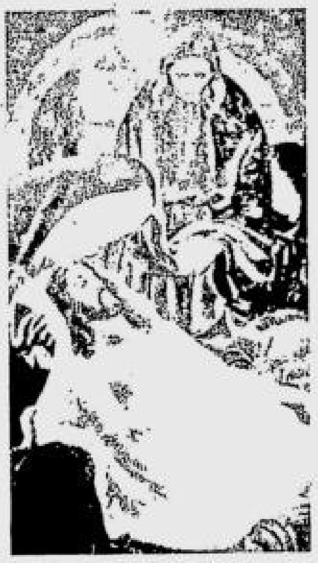

BOTONG FRANCISCO AT THE CCP Ongoing until April 10 at the CCP Bulwagang Fernando Amorsolo is "*Pasyon*," an exhibit of seven large paintings by National Artist Carlos "Botong" Francisco, from his "Way of the Cross" series. A reception hosted by the Salesian Fathers will be held on March 17, 6 p.m. In photo is "Fourteenth Station (Jesus is laid in the tomb)," 1960. For details, call 832-3702. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Two Elegies

By Tino Pamintuan

1. A yellow daisy for Cochise

I can postpone grieving
But not dying—
The moment I pluck
A flower from its stem,
Decay begins—
Only now do I lay
A yellow daisy
On your sunken eyes—
How we saw the world
In our juvenile musings
Over swigs of alcohol;
You held the law,
I embraced the words
Of my occasional poetry—
Tears well from mine,
And fill your open mouth,
Cries, cries no one ever heard.
I listened, only in a dream—
You spoke, "*How are you doing?*"
Living, perhaps, postponing death
By living, loving, writing like Anais—
I knife the words into your bones,
My eternity in the marrow of life.

2. An urn for Luisa's ashes

When shall I gather your ashes,
Scattered on grass, atop trees,
On birdwings, in dungs of wild boars?
An urn awaits your return—
You left us on Christ's resurrection
To be with your family—
Whole, human.
On an island, a space cleared by
Explosions of gas, steel, plastic,
Aluminum, human flesh—
Bodies torn to shreds,
Carcasses for boars and hungry birds—
Is your silent grave, yet I hear
Screams at night,
As if bodies are thrown in hellish fire,
When the moon hides her face
And cries over that cleared space,
Your silent grave.

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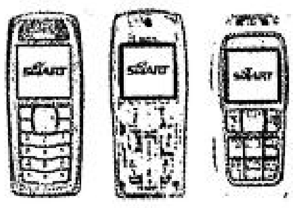

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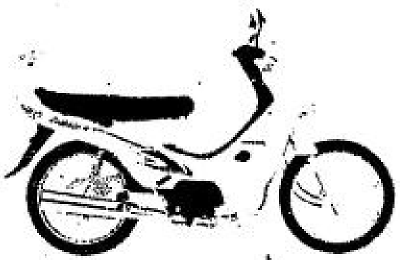

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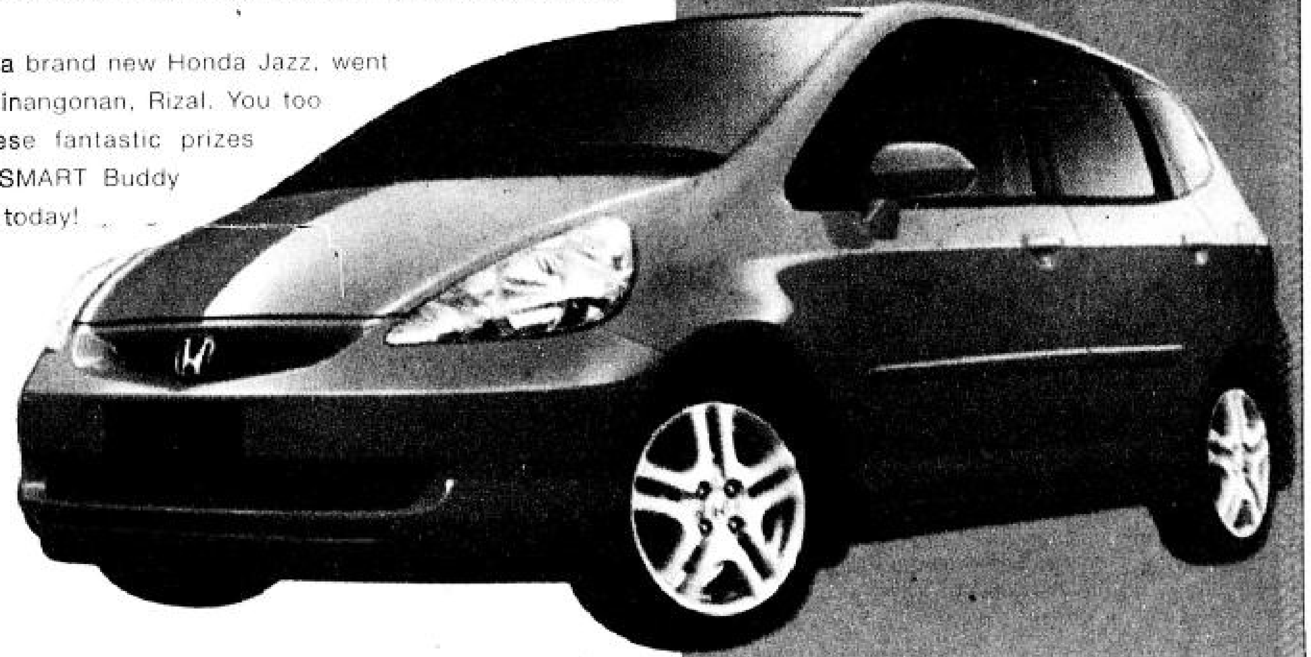

Talk of Entrepreneurship Rings Around Biñan

SMART visits Saint Michael's College of Laguna

Michaeleans pack St. Theodore's Hall for the SEP

SMART recently continued its streak of nationwide entrepreneurial lectures, otherwise known as the SMART Entrepreneurial Program (SEP), and visited two big colleges in BiÒan, Laguna. First off was Saint Michael's College of Laguna (SMCL), which prides itself as being Laguna's first deregulated school. With close to 700 Michaleans packing St. Theodore's Hall last January 27th, Dean Vic Manabat kicked off the program with an inspirational message. The talks and product demonstrations immediately followed, given by Ms. Guia Goduco (Director – Institute for Career Opportunities and Programs for Empowerment), Mr. Roy Dalupan (Marketing Assistant – GTG Consultancy Services), Ms. Ma. Judith Desiderio (Entrepreneur – TLRC) and last but not least, Mr. Anthony Estagle and Mr. Manny Bernal of SMART Communications, Inc.

Daisy Mae N. Dangcalan, 20, taking her B.S. in Accountancy and graduating this year shared her own thoughts on entrepreneurship. "After SEP, I plan to look closely into the potential benefits that entrepreneurship can give my life", she said. "Employment would only be considered an initial step to earn money after graduation. I realize now that the real road to financial success can only be achieved if one takes a crack at entrepreneurship on his own."

Accountancy major Daisy Mae at work

Indeed, such precocious insights can only be testament to the high standards of Daisy's college. "The SEP emphasizes what our professors at Saint Michael's College of Laguna have always been saying concerning entrepreneurship. There is a definite set of priorities that one needs to follow in order to survive in the entrepreneurial world", she adds. "Through SEP, the lessons we have learned are emphasized in a dramatic way. It certainly proved that our college professors were not lying when they told us about the benefits of entrepreneurship.

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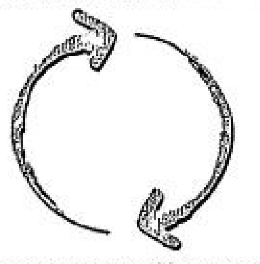


It's about the opportunities we provide.

SEP calls in on University of Perpetual Help

Just a fortnight after visiting Saint Michael's College of Laguna, SMART pressed forward and paid neighboring University of Perpetual Help a visit. Staying true to the concept of SEP, which focuses on giving lectures to both prospective graduates and recent college graduates in educational institutions nationwide while informing these individuals of possible entrepreneurial opportunities as SMART dealers or agents, SMART brought with them several speakers from the entrepreneurial and business community for the day's program. Last February 16, 2005, SMART Communications, Inc. won the Anvil Excellence Award for its SMART Entrepreneurial Program (SEP). The SEP is an ongoing series of on-campus lecture tours set to give students better futures by introducing them to crucial lessons in entrepreneurship. SEP has even branched out beyond the academe into NGO and private sectors.

Marvin Quijano, a 21-year old Business Management student graduating this year, was particularly enthusiastic about the SEP. "Since high school, I have studied entrepreneurship", shares Marvin. "I learned that you can't just rely on resources but you also have to look at trends." As it turns out, Marvin wants to open his own restaurant in the future. "I would rather be an entrepreneur than an employee so I can prove that what I learned in college, I can apply in real life", he confidently adds. "The restaurant business is very lucrative. I believe my entrepreneurial instinct and fondness for cooking will pay off one day".

When asked what he thought of the SEP, Marvin said, "I like SMART's approach with the SEP because it shows how open they are as a company. The SEP points out the advantages of entrepreneurship and does it in a way that makes it easy for students to understand. SMART made it very student-friendly."

"SEP gives fresh graduates a viable alternative, a chance at real independence through entrepreneurship. Such is a new graduate's plight in the job market-- only 7% will actually land jobs that pay bare minimum," said the program's main proponent, Mr. Boy Martirez, Head of PCMSD at SMART Communications.

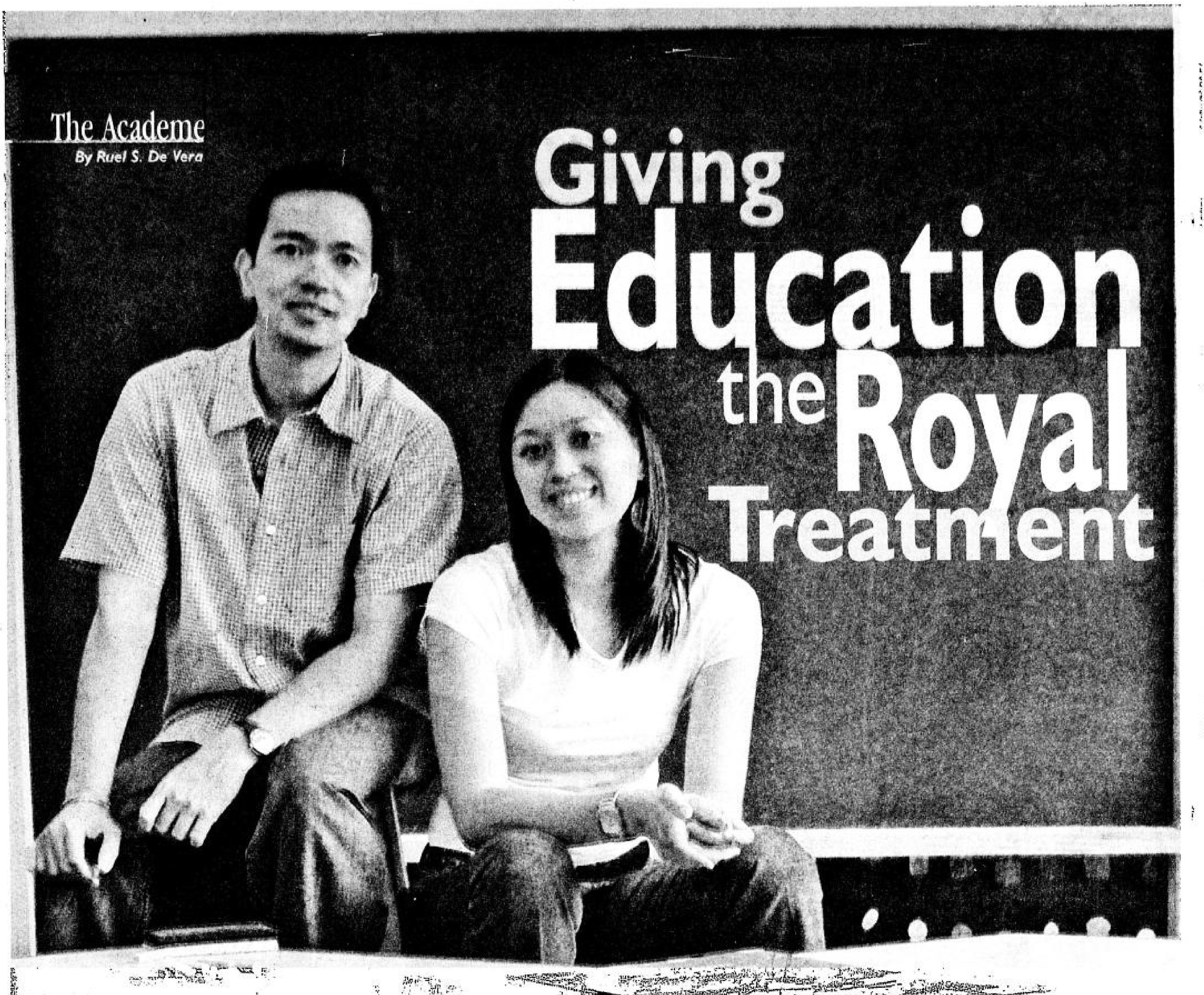
The students of University of Perpetual Help

Future entrepreneur Marvin Quijano

The Academe

By Ruel S. De Vera

Giving Education the Royal Treatment



Nationalistic young professionals CP David and Ani Almario

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Is there a way to teach Filipino children to become more Filipino? And why not start them off on a love of science and math as well? It's an unorthodox idea for a school, but then Ani Almario and CP David have always been extraordinary

ANYONE with a passable sense of irony can appreciate how the idea for a school that emphasizes Filipino identity could have started in, of all places, Palo Alto, California, home to Silicon Valley and the dotcom experience. But it was there, in prestigious Stanford University, that the seed for the Raya School was planted. A new school that promotes nationalism, reading and the sciences, Raya is the product of much thinking—and dreaming.

Though sparked by a fateful meeting between people, this is not a love story, though it certainly is about passions. Ani Rosa "Ani" Almario was then working towards her Masters in Education as a Fullbright scholar two years ago. Ani, youngest daughter of National Artist for Literature Virgilio Almario, met the President of Stanford's Filipino Association, Carlo Primo "CP" David, who happens to be the eldest son of sociologist and multi-awarded columnist Randy David. Ani was also e-mailing Basil Wuson (currently taking his MBA at Duke University), who broached the idea of a different kind of school, something that CP had similarly thought of.

"Everyday, I encounter something or someone who convinces me that Raya should exist," Ani explains. "I've encountered parents who really don't care if their kids speak Filipino or not, kids who don't know Filipino songs or look up to Filipino heroes, teachers who teach in such uninspired ways and students who think school is only about rote learning. I read the papers and all I see is crime and corruption. If Filipinos really cared about their country, there wouldn't be all these horrible headlines."

Elevated learning

After returning to the Philippines and her job as Product Development Officer for Adarna House, the pioneering children's book publisher that her father started in 1980, Ani thought about the school some more. Lawyer Melvin Rillo then joined the mix. Together, the four—Ani, CP, Melvin and Basil—founded the Raya School, deriving the name from the old Malay word for "rajah" or "nobility," and seeking a place of elevated learning.

Raya's curriculum revolves around eight thrusts: sense of country, discovery-based, play-oriented, a four-pronged approach to reading, meaning-centered, child-centered, culturally-appropriate and developmentally-appropriate.

"Raya is trying to help raise Filipino kids who have a true sense of their own, a true sense of country," says Ani. "These kids will be totally immersed in their culture and heritage and be proud of their roots. In the future, they would devote themselves to making their country better." Adds CP: "It will try to offer a different learning experience for kids, starting with a unique school building that will have a museum feel to it. It will be grounded on a well-planned curriculum that centers on reading and discovery-based learning, with emphasis on the natural sciences."

The new school building, rising on busy Scout Limbaga in Quezon City, will open this June with a pilot class in Junior Kinder (ages 3 to 4) and a year's tuition of about P35,000; Raya eventually intends to offer Senior Kinder and Prep. It also is effectively the lab school for Adarna Books, though Adarna itself has no financial stake in Raya. With its unorthodox designs (the classrooms are dominated by multiple blackboards for the students to express themselves, for starters), Raya is not your usual center for learning. For the summer, Raya will already be offering a rotating schedule of class in--naturally--the arts and sciences.

Raya's pioneering spirit takes a cue from its founders. The gregarious and quick-to-laugh Ani, 27, made the jump to publishing after a brief stint in the corporate world of Sycip, Gorres & Velayo. The middle child of her poet father and consultant Lyn Almario (older sister Asa is an architect and younger brother Agno is still studying), she hesitated before joining Adarna because she didn't want to compete with her father's formidable resume. An Economics graduate of the University of the Philippines, Ani enjoyed working with children and thus grew into her role at Adarna. "He told me maybe I should try out all other options before I go to Adarna," Ani remembers. "It was a sudden epiphany." Despite the hectic requirements of her Adarna job and the preparations for Raya, Ani finds the time to play Bach on the piano or curl up with a Haruki Murakami novel or do some boxing. Yes, that kind of boxing.

Something different

Similarly, CP gravitated to something different from the world of sociologist parents Randy and Karina David, though he did grow up very well informed. "Every night, the discussion at the dinner table would be about politics and sociology," he recalls fondly. The reflective 34-year-old CP graduated from UP with a BS and MS in Geology. "We all wound up doing something different from our parents," he says; sister Kara is a broadcast journalist, Nadia is an interior designer and youngest sibling Jika is an accountant who is currently volunteering her time in Palawan.

As a UP-DOST-Stanford scholar, CP went to Stanford to take his PhD in Geology and Environmental Sciences. When his scholarship ran out before he could finish, CP worked for the United States Geological Survey in Menlo Park. "My first year there, I didn't think I would be staying so I didn't take my clothes out of the suitcase for a whole year," he recalls. Upon finishing his doctorate he returned to UP, where he is teaching at the UP Institute of Geology and Institute of Environmental Sciences. He travels a lot, overseeing projects in water quality. In his own time away from his research projects, CP enjoys diving (he's certified, plus it's pretty much a requirement in his line of work) and recently began taking up extension courses in flute at the UP College of Music. He just felt like it, he says with a laugh. "I'm enjoying myself," he explains, "except that I'm the only adult in class and all the kids are much better than me."

Raya reflects many of its founders' own ideas about what a school should be about, a daring mix of nationalism and sciences. Teaching kids about Filipino requires more than just teaching them how to speak Filipino or token Linggo ng Wika celebrations. Ani explains that Raya "embodies all that I love and believe in. I'm deeply nationalistic, I love children, and I always try to institute change." For CP: "Learning the natural sciences equips the student important skills such as logic and reasoning, hypothesis building and testing, use of math as a language, etc. More importantly, because science can be a very, very cool subject in school!"

The partners braved the avalanche of paperwork that was needed to put up the school (indeed, CP says that the most difficult part of the entire enterprise was "having to deal with securing the 1,000 permits needed to open up a school") and pooled their funds and resources. Right now, they're looking forward to the school's opening. "I'm only worried about enrollment," Ani says. "I hope to get a class of eight or 10 for our first year. I'm not as worried as I am excited."

It's their own form of activism, something in their blood, their own way of making a difference. The Raya School is the fulfillment of what Ani Almario and CP David describe as a new approach to Philippine education, something they absolutely believe has to be attempted. Ani says that's what they're doing, "getting closer to the dream of helping change the Philippines, doing our part to make Filipinos more culturally aware and more concerned about their country." Now that sounds exactly like the new Philippine dream.

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His Quality Time

A day doesn't seem enough for Environment Secretary Mike Defensor to get everything done, but he tries to start and end it right

MIKE Defensor starts his day like any husband and father. In his house clothes, he has breakfast with his family, trying to spend a little quality time with his wife and youngest daughter.

After reading the papers, he goes up to see his two kids. Then, he is ready to go to work. His car isn't even gone a block from home when calls start coming. His mood changes after each call, shifting from a frown to a smile when he gets a call from his wife.

He stops first at a studio for a live TV interview, and then heads to the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife for his son's tree-planting school activity that he had promised to attend. Then he's off to Malacanang.

A series of meetings awaits him, first with Sec. Gabby Claudio, then with the President. At the guest house, he opens his bag and takes out an enormous sheaf of papers to be read and signed. Then it's yet another meeting, his last at Malacañang. Finally, it's back to DENR where Gov. Luis Villafuerte waits, for a signing of a Memorandum of Agreement. A meeting with delegates from Maguindanao follows. Halfway through his meeting, a TV crew comes in for yet another interview.

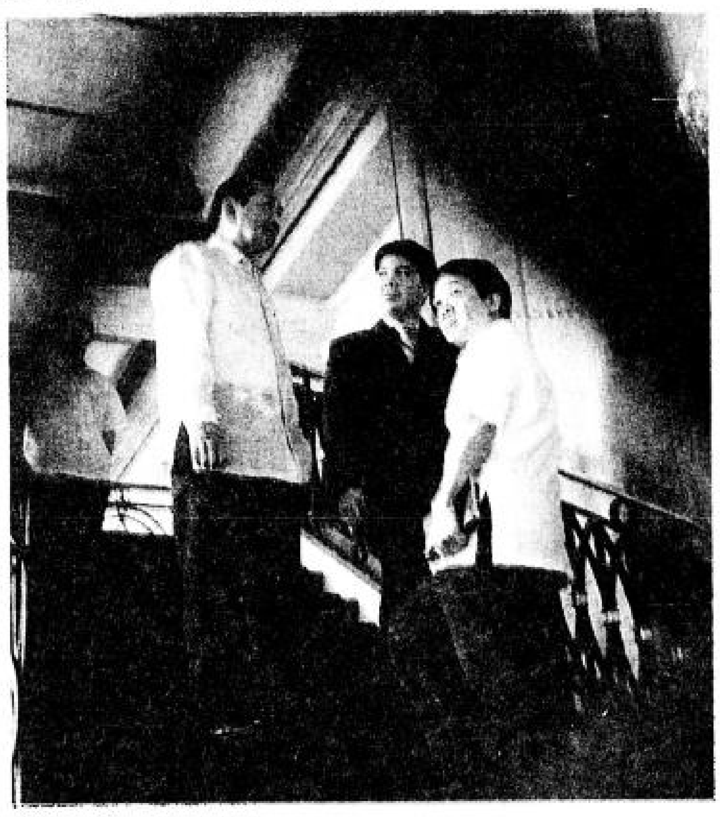
Soon, it's time to go to La Vista in Quezon City, for a consultation with his aunt, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago.

The day has ended for most working people, but not for Defensor, who still has to meet with lawyers at Edsa Shangri-la. His wife Julie joins him, then waits patiently in a nearby restaurant as the couple gets to bond only between meetings. "Ten minutes," Defensor says with a smile. It is almost midnight when he emerges three hours later.

Believe it or not, he still has a few more meetings that night, but these are cancelled. At last, he returns home. As soon as he changes into his house clothes, he is once again transformed into a husband and a father.

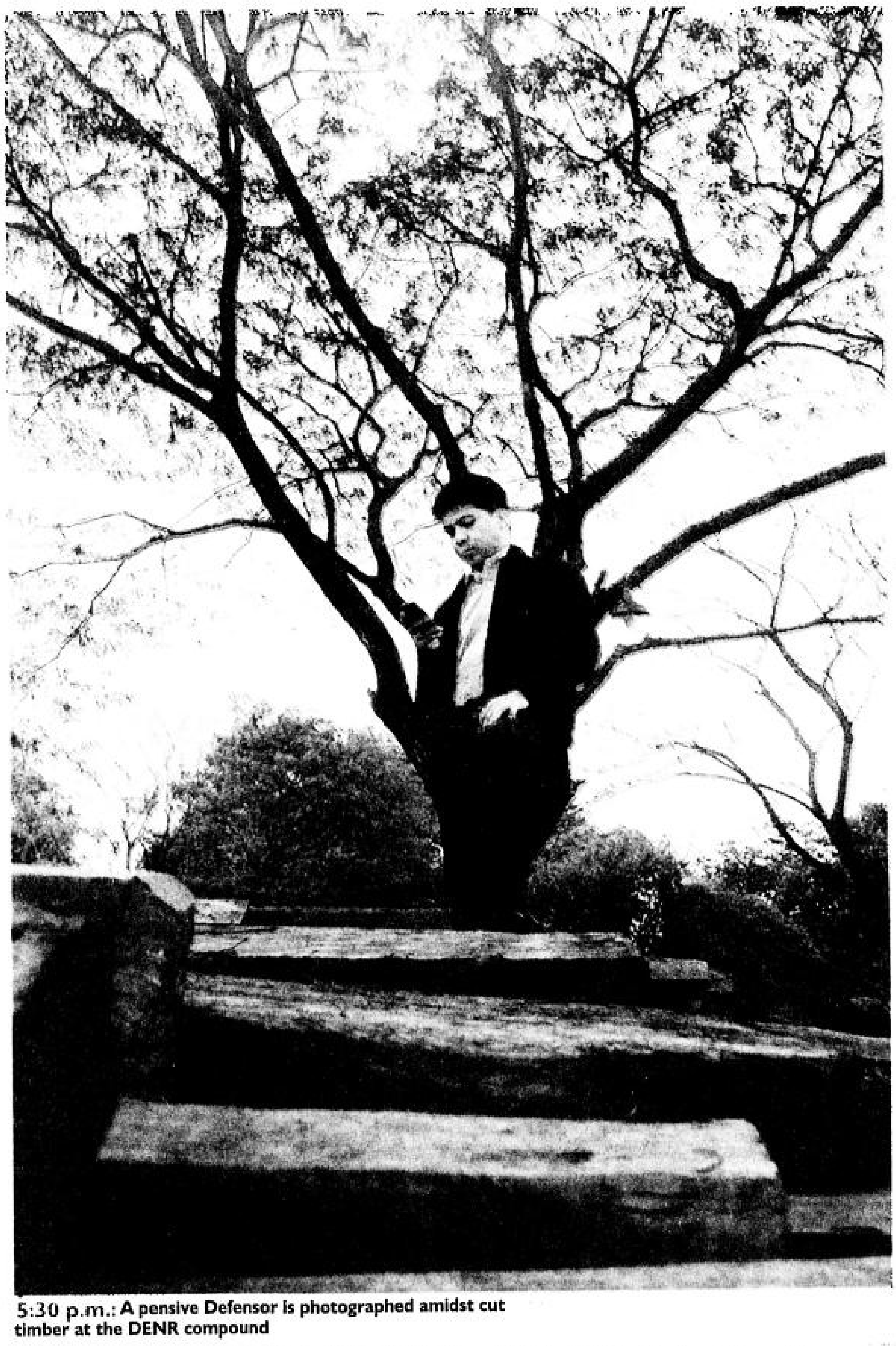
8:00 a.m.: In his Ayala Heights home, Defensor takes breakfast with wife Julie and youngest daughter Mica

10:10 a.m.: His busy morning in full swing, Defensor boards his car en route to meetings at the Palace



12:30 p.m.: At the Malacañang guest house, Defensor meets with Executive Sec. Eduardo Ermita and Sec. Gabby Claudio

4:20 p.m.: Ever in the limelight, Defensor is interviewed by a TV reporter



5:30 p.m.: A pensive Defensor is photographed amidst cut timber at the DENR compound

7:00 p.m.: Defensor consults his famous aunt, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, at the Senator's La Vista home

11:45 p.m.: Now out of his work wear, Defensor kisses his children goodnight

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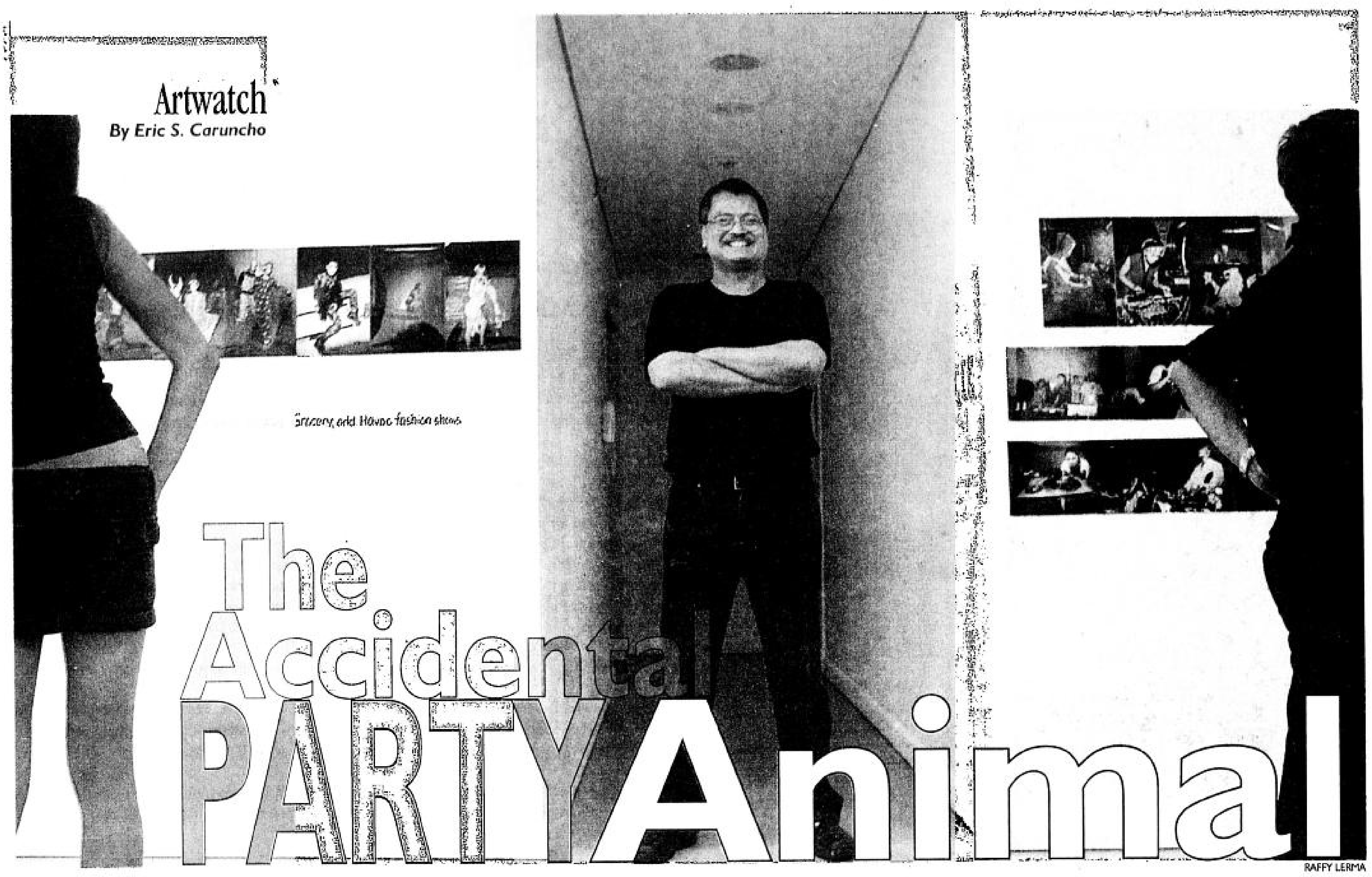
Artwatch

By Eric S. Caruncho


Grocery and Havoc fashion shows

The Accidental PARTY Animal

RAFFY LERMA

HESE days, Eddie Boy Escudero makes his living as one of Manila's busiest wedding photographers. But his real passion—apart from photography—has always been music.

Luckily, the 50-year-old Escudero, a member of the prominent clan of Villa Escudero fame, has often managed to combine both. He first made his reputation in the 1990s photographing the burgeoning underground music scene that emerged in the rock clubs he frequented, such as Red Rocks and Club Dredd.

Later, he turned his camera on the denizens of Manila's emerging club and party scene. These photographs, taken over a five-year period from 1996 to 2001, form the core of his current exhibit at the Silver Lens gallery, "When We Danced."

The note of nostalgia is genuine, because more than just a detached observer, Escudero was an enthusiastic participant. Rather than feeling like a clinical study of a particular subculture, his candid snapshots of ecstatic partygoers in their most uninhibited moments feel like a personal scrapbook of fond memories.

"I just totally fell in love with it," recalls Escudero of the party scene. "It was a new kind of music and it was something I could dance to. It was so colorful, and it was happening just as I was starting out in my profession—the timing was perfect. The music, the scene, the photography all came together."

Like an Ecstasy peak, the moment was over too soon. But at least, Escudero's photographs managed to capture something of that elusive vibe.

Things could just as easily have turned out differently.

A different turn

In 1977, Eddie Boy Escudero had just graduated from his liberal arts and commerce course at De La Salle. He was looking forward to his first job as a management trainee at Philippine Airlines, when he stepped into a taxi and his life took a different turn.

"I heard this fantastic music playing on the radio," he recalls. "It was Ryan Cayabyab's 'Routes To Roots' album, and it absolutely floored me."

Now, some people might find this hard to believe, considering the scores of tepid commercial pop arrangements Cayabyab's done since then, but "Roots To Routes," his first recording, was actually a seminal Pinoy jazz fusion work and fairly adventurous for 1977. Anyway.

"Right away I knew I wanted to work in the music business," Escudero continues. He found out that the Cayabyab album was released by an outfit called Jem Recordings. As it turned out, his wife knew someone who knew someone who worked at Jem, and within a few weeks, Escudero was an employee working for minimum wage then, something like P400 a month.

It was an exciting time for OPM. The Jem stable included such artists as Florante, the Apo and the New Minstrels, apart from Cayabyab. Escudero soon joined the New Minstrels—then at the height of their popularity—first as an assistant manager and later, after they had morphed into Something Special, as their full-time manager from 1981 to 1984.

Through the rest of the decade, Escudero worked behind the scenes of the music business, booking live bands for Rumors disco, working as the Apo's production manager, and even managing Joey Ayala for a time with Butch Dans' Third Line outfit, before venturing on his own as a talent manager.

But as the 1990s dawned, Escudero found himself increasingly preoccupied by a new love: photography. He had bought his first camera on tour with Something Special, and grew to enjoy photographing live music as much as—if not more than—listening to it.

"I joined the Zone V Camera Club and got totally hooked on photography," he recalls. "I bought every photography magazine I could find and books to learn what aperture and shutter speed were."

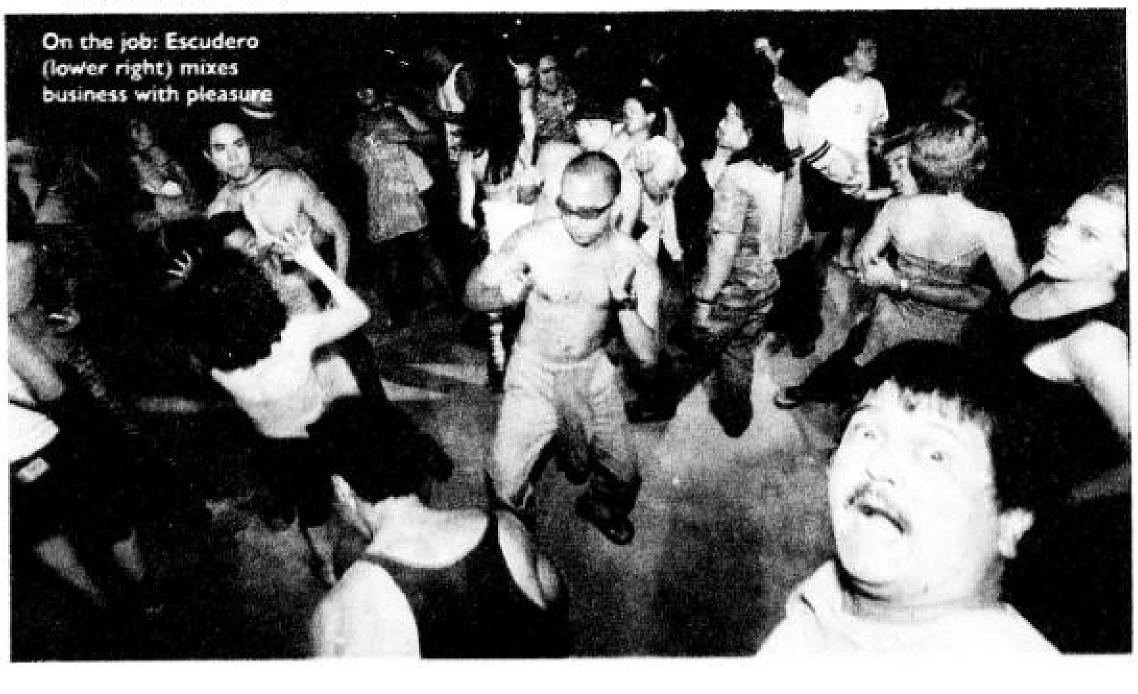
There was no shortage of subjects to photograph. Apart from managing bands such as Binky Lampano's Newly-Industrialized Combo and later Rizal Underground, Escudero was a regular at Red Rocks, Club Dredd, the '70s Bistro and Music Museum as well as at the concerts. By this time, photography was more than just a hobby. Escudero began shooting music makers for the INQUIRER and Metro Magazine.

"And then, all of these bands I had been photographing got record deals, and they asked me to photograph their album covers," recalls Escudero.

Before he knew it, Escudero had turned pro.

Something new

"I would shoot anything," he says. That included weddings, since some of the musicians whose album covers he shot eventually got married. Little did he guess that weddings would soon become his bread-and-butter gig.


On the job: Escudero (lower right) mixes business with pleasure

Karl Roy and friend

As he mounts an exhibit of scenes from the heady night life of the late '90s, photographer Eddie Boy Escudero remembers his fateful detour from a management career to the heart of the swinging club scene

By the middle of the decade, however, the rock scene was dying down. Club Dredd was soon to close its doors, leaving scores of bands and their camp followers homeless. It was time for something new.

"All of a sudden, I got this invite to the Consortium party at the National Museum," says Escudero. "What I saw was wild! There were gay angels dancing on the steps, and this techno music. It was definitely more colorful than the Dredd scene. You had all the gay guys, the fashionistas, the skateboarders, the hip-hop kids, the rockers—and everybody just wanted to dance."

Organized by Groove Nation, the Consortium parties of 1995-96 were among the first major events that were to cohere into a new kind of scene, centering on DJs, electronic dance music, outré fashions and, for some, consumption of the new psychedelic drugs, particularly Ecstasy.

Escudero, who was old enough to have fond memories of the first psychedelic era during the late '60s and early '70s, experienced a flashback of sorts.

"It was sort of like the first hippie era, when rock was just being discovered, and you had all these wild hairdos and lifestyles and drugs. *Parang* all of a sudden it's back again!"

Escudero partied, and photographed. Pretty soon he was *the* party photographer, actually being paid to shoot. Corporate sponsors were soon attracted to the party scene as a youth marketing bonanza for lifestyle products from booze and cigarettes to clothes and cellular phone services. At the same time, it was being given major coverage by the lifestyle media. Both depended on Escudero for on-the-scene pix for the next issue's spreads and paid supplements.

The love years

"Those were the love years," he recalls. "It was the time of group hugs and 'spread the love.' Ironically, behind the scenes there was all this bickering going on between these different groups. One group was composed of purists who wanted to keep the scene underground, and the other group just took advantage of the sponsorships. But this was all happening behind the scenes. The crowd couldn't give a s--t, *tuloy pa rin ang ligaya*."

Within two or three years, the scene was big enough to support several major events a year. Flush with corporate cash, producers began flying in big-name DJs for sponsored events. From warehouses and clubs, parties swelled into the streets and the beaches of Boracay and Puerto Galera. The scene also began to attract unwanted attention from the authorities, as Ecstasy became tabloid fodder, eventually leading to the closure of a well-known club.

Now, of course, on any given weekend you can go to any number of clubs and discotheques and hear the resident DJs spin house or hip-hop. Now even your grandmother has purple hair and electronica is piped-in shopping mall music.

"It's all become so mainstream," laments Escudero. "I guess everyone grew up and realized they had to earn a living." Himself included. Nowadays Escudero's money gig is wedding photography, but occasionally he gets invited to a party.

"Once in a while a good DJ still comes, but nobody dances anymore," he says. "I don't know. I guess people are just waiting for things to happen again." Q

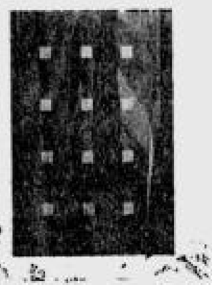
"When We Danced" runs until April 12. Silver Lens is on the 33rd floor of the Pacific Plaza Towers, Bonifacio Global City

This Week

Art

Finale Art Gallery presents new paintings by **Maria Taniguchi** at the 4/L, SM Megamall A until March 22.

Soler and Mona will feature their most recent works, including interactions or joint paintings from March 16 to April 2 at the Finale Art Gallery, SM Art Center, 4/L, SM Megamall A.



Soler and Mona's "Interactions 2," on exhibit at the Finale Art Gallery

Once Upon a Time, a solo exhibit by Duddley Diaz from March 17 to April 13 at Galleria Duemila, The Artwalk, 4/L, SM Megamall. For details, call 634-3261.

Music

Catch **Dawn Bande** at her weekly gigs: Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. at Quisine, 6750 Ayala Avenue; Tuesdays, 9 p.m. at EasyStreet Bar, Royal Plaza, Don Antonio Street, Commonwealth Avenue; Wednesdays, 9 p.m. at KKK Restaurant, West Avenue; and Fridays, 5:30 p.m. at Merk's Bar Bistro, Greenbelt 3, Makati City.

Versatile performer Janna Trias is holding a launching concert, **Three-in-One Diva**, on March 17 at The Virgin Café on Tomas Morato Avenue at 8 p.m. Janna is also a regular performer at Music Box Timog Avenue every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For bookings, call 552-7826 to 26.

Chin-Chin Gutierrez performs live in **Uyayi** on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at San Lorenzo Village covered court. Chin-Chin will do 17 traditional lullabies from various parts of the country with her special group of musicians and dancers. Admission is free.

Cinema

Bunso, award-winning documentary filmmaker Ditsi Carolino's take on juvenile justice, will be screened at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall on March 14 at 7 p.m. as British Council Philippines marks its 25th year of independent operations by formally launching an East Asian Digital Film Competition. Filmmakers in the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Korea are invited to join the Digital Film Competition anchored on the them "I'm Asian, But..." Entries can be in any genre, but should be a maximum of 15 minutes in length. For inquiries, call 914-1011 to 14 ext. 130.

National Commission on Culture and Arts in partnership with Big Sky Mind Artists' Projects Foundation presents ***Ebolusyon ng Isang Pamilyang Pilipino*** by Lav Diaz on March 16 at 9 a.m. at NCCA's Tanghalang Leandro V. Locsin (663 General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila). For details, call 527-2192 local 509.

pelikula@titusbrandsma presents **Women's Cinema** featuring the French classics "Madame de..." by Max Ophuls and "Story of Women" by Claude Chabrol. Also in the lineup is the Oscar nominee, "Maria Full of Grace" on March 19 at 1 p.m. at Titus Brandsma Center, 24 Acacia St., Cubao, Quezon City. For details, call Maxie at 751-1169.

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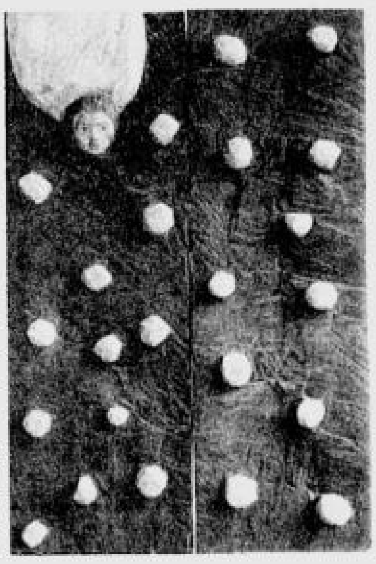
PinoyWriters Workshop: Visual Journaling Seminar 2: Recovery, Part 1 on March 18, Part 2 on March 19, 6-8 p.m. at Powerbooks Megamall; Visual Journaling Seminar 3: Clarity, Part 1 on March 26, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Part 2 on March 26, 2-4 p.m. at Powerbooks, Greenbelt 3, Makati City. Visit Powerbooks to reserve your slot.

The **First Philippine Call Center Job Fair** will be held on March 19-20 at the Expo Trade Hall of Festival Super Mall featuring the following benefits for job seekers: On the Spot Job Offers, Outright Placement, Talent and Skill Matching with special assistance for applicants in Resumé Writing, Oral Proficiency, Power Dressing and Organizational Culture Assimilation. For details, call Philtrade Exhibits at 825-3482 or 825-0804.



Duddley Diaz's "Flying Figure over a Starry Night," on view at Galleria Duemila

Old Manila Walks Schedule: On March 20 at 2 p.m., journey to the streets of Binondo and explore the most intimate alleys of Manila's Chinese quarter. Participants are to meet inside the lobby of Binondo Church. On March 13 and 26 at 1:30 p.m., take a leisurely stroll amid the sylvan setting of San Miguel's patrician district and take a peek into the best-preserved historic, colonial-era mansion of the city. Meet at the courtyard of San Sebastian Church. Tickets at P400/person and P150 for student with valid ID. For inquiries, text 0917-3291622 or email oldmanilawalks@gmail.com.

ArtPlay Summer Fun Club is a venue for children to meet new friends while they learn to enjoy about new things. Services offered are academic tutorials (all subjects), music lessons (piano, voice, violin, guitar and kulintang), art lessons (painting and drawing). Classes start April 5. Pre-registration is on March 13, 19 and 20. Call 913-9549 or text 0917-9637457 or visit office at 15 T. Mascardo, Project 4, Quezon City.

Mandy Navasero will hold an **Advanced Photography Workshop** for seven weeks starting April 9, 2005. Classes will be held every Saturday until May 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. Topics to be taken are Portraiture, Fashion, Glamour or Cover Photos, Product Photography, Architectural, Travel Photography and Food Photography with a fee of P17,500. Lectures will be conducted at Rm. 227, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St. (formerly Reposo) Bgy. Bel-Air II, Makati City. For further inquiries call 899-1767 or 896-3208 or email mandynavasero@photopro.com.ph.

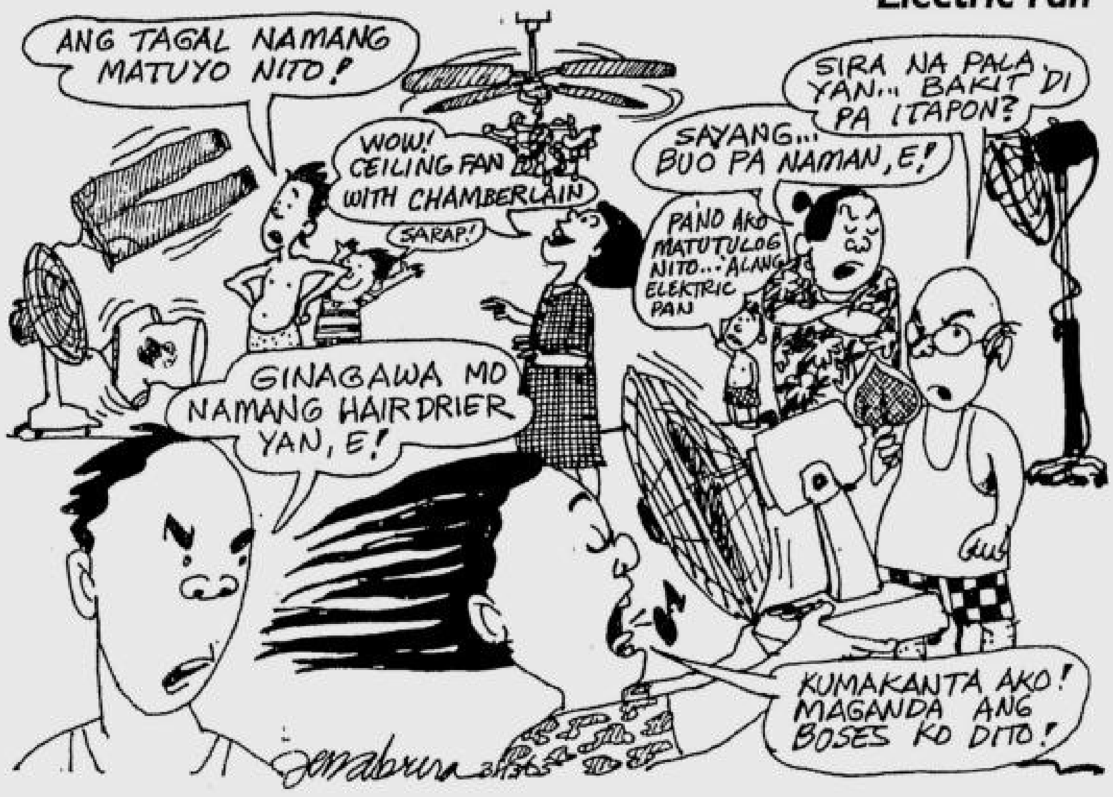
X-manila

Cavite-based artist collective **Anting-anting** and Malaysian artist group **Matahati** present a series of interactive paintings and individual canvases at the Pinto Art Gallery, 1 Sierra Madre St., Grand Heights, Antipolo City until March 30. For details, call 697-1015.

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

Electric Fan



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The Artist Abroad

By Luis H. Francia

Sunday in the Park With Christo

'The Gates,' a public installation at Central Park that lasted for just over two weeks, hews to the Buddhist notion of impermanence. But high up, the saffron banners betokened another realm and for at least a day, us viewers and voyeurs cut off our earthly anchors

NEW YORK—For more than two weeks, 7,500 16-foot-tall saffron portals, adorned at the top by saffron curtains, marked the various walkways of Central Park. "The Gates," a work conceived and designed by the husband-and-wife team of Christo and Jeanne Claude, suffused 23 miles of paths crisscrossing the park's length and breadth with a brilliant hue against a rather ascetic but beautiful winter landscape. The work was temporary, as all their public-art installations have been and for which they are justly famous. Among these have been the encasement in silvery material of the Reichstag, Berlin's parliament building; the draping of Paris's Pont Neuf in fabric; and "The Umbrellas," a procession of the eponymous item in blue winding its way through northern Japan and southern Califonia.

"The Gates," claimed one magazine, was the largest artwork since the Sphinx, a meaningless comparison since the work doesn't, nor is it meant to, overwhelm one physically. It spreads out, an open-ended labyrinth without a center that one can enter at any point. Headline-grabbing, the work was financed completely by the Christos, with no public and corporate financing, ensuring that no commercial or political restrictions hampered the realization of the couple's vision. The $20 million needed to finance the entire project came through the sale of collàges, drawings, sketches, and models of the artwork that Christo created in his SoHo studio, working 17 hours a day, nourished by raw garlic, yogurt, and soy milk. (Nearing 70, the balding, bespectacled Bulgarian-born artist, with his runner's build, looks limber and fit.) Hence, corporate logos and sponsorship signs were thankfully nowhere in evidence. New Yorkers as well as out-of-town visitors took enthusiastically to "The Gates," thronging the park in large numbers.

A small group of us went the last day the work was up, on a crisp, cold, sunny Sunday, with snow blanketing the earth, the lake partly frozen, ducks gliding along in strict formation—the quintessential, bucolic winter landscape that unfailingly drains away the stress and anxieties of urban life. The mood, festive and subdued at the same time, encouraged us to stroll, to gaze around, and to engage in conversations that bore no agendas beyond being simply where we were. Being the last day that the work would be up, the paths were crowded but there was a holiday feel to the air: No one jostled, no one seemed in a hurry. That at least two wedding parties used the bright portals as backdrops for their photographs underscored the fact that the work provided a significant occasion for all of us to come out of our cozy abodes, knowing these saffron blazes wouldn't be around the next day.

The very ephemerality of the work goes against the usual grain of art aspiring to permanency, even immortality, and hews to the Buddhist notion of impermanence. (Surely it can't simply be a coincidence that saffron, a favorite color of the couple, is also favored by Buddhist monks.) Tibetan Buddhist sand mandalas, for instance, are conceived, painstakingly done, beautifully set up, admired by onlookers, and then disposed of, often in a river or lake, at once demolishing the work and recycling the materials. And so it will be with all the materials for "The Gates." (In many ways, the work reminded me of the late Robert Villanueva's own works, particularly his Labyrinth, erected on the grounds of the Cultural Center, and then taken down ritualistically.)

The temporary arrangement almost guarantees the lack of grandiosity, or at least undercuts it; Christo and Jeanne Claude's works may be grand in scale but surprisingly intimate in feel. They wisely issued no statements on the significance of the art, preferring to dwell on the technical aspects—the amount of material used, the way the portals were anchored to the ground without drilling holes in it, etc. It was an acknowledgement that artists are not necessarily the best explainers of art (not that art should be explained, the best conversations with it are always unmediated). So we the viewers, the voyeurs, were left to our own devices, to memory, aided by sketches and photographs. But sketches and photographs mean nothing without the actual experience of having seen and walked under those saffron banners fluttering in a late winter's breeze. High up they betokened another realm, and at least for one day we cut our earthly anchors and, like children, floated haphazardly but contentedly. Q

Love Notes

By Joe D' Mango

Loving As A Choice

My mom was furious when she found out about us and slapped me in front of him. I haven't talked to him since

Dear Joe,

I am the only girl in a middle-class Chinese family with a business here in the Philippines. Because my parents are very, very strict, I began to hate guys. I just played around and was never serious with any of them—until I met one of our employees, a very good-looking guy with a great sense of humor. I feel happy and comfortable when I'm with him, but I was always afraid that he might lose his job because of me.

We had a party in our house last September. My parents were not at home, so I had to entertain the guests. That night, this guy friend and I drank and had fun. When I was with him, I dipped my finger into a glass of beer and tasted it. I hadn't drunk for a long time and had almost forgotten how beer tasted. My friend grabbed my finger and put it in his mouth. I knew then that he was interested in me. When the party was over, he stayed and helped me clean up. Then he whispered, "I love you." I just laughed and told him he was drunk. He smiled and said he was, but was more afraid of losing me than losing his job. I was just thinking that this was another game I could play, so I said I loved him too.

My little game continued. I never thought that I would fall for him. He changed me and everything I believed in. Months have passed but secrets couldn't be kept forever. My mom was furious when she found out about us and slapped me in front of him. I haven't talked to him since.

What should I do? Should I give up? Or should I fight for our love?

Abbie

Abbie,

There are times when love calls us to stand for something we believe in, despite of all the things that are against it. The call of love is a call to courage and determination. Sometimes it even calls for a choice between two things that are equally important to us. Who to choose and who to turn our backs on depends on how much we are willing to risk.

Abbie, if falling in love with an employee is wrong then life is unjust. True love doesn't look at the world like there is a heaven and an earth. All is just fair. No one should be above or below anybody else. Everyone is equal. That's how love looks at things.

But it is sad that many of us carry a measuring cup and judge people by what they don't have and who they are not, rather than what they can actually become. Abbie, your parents have their reasons for their rules on love and relationships. We should respect that. But at the end of the day, it will be you and you alone who should make that decision on who to choose to spend the rest of your life with.

Love should never be a choice made by others for us. A relationship is something that we should be willingly getting into or getting out of. It is true that there will always be a risk when we make our own decisions. But it is all part of life. Those who enjoy life are those who are not afraid to take the risks. Those who succeed are those who make their own decisions and responsibly stand by them.

Abbie, love is a choice and one that only you can make. Ask yourself if you are ready to take that step. If you are not then it simply means that you are not yet prepared to love. Because those who find lasting happiness are not those who fear the consequences of loving a person, but those who bravely face the challenge of that love. Q

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